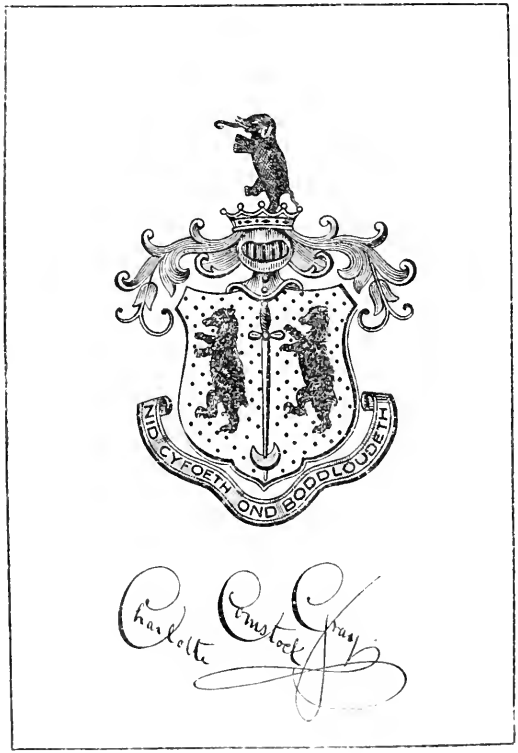
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1630-1904

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To the Memory of

My Father

Deacon SUPPLY CLAP THWING

PREFACE

VARIOUS records of the church and of the town, including Eliot's book, and the lives of the ministers and prominent members, have been from time to time published, but there has hitherto been no attempt to chronicle the history of the First Church in Roxbury. My own deep interest in the church with which my father was for so many years connected, has led me to make a systematic study of its foundation, the lives of the founders, and the chain of events leading down to the present time.

In the arrangement of material each of the five meeting houses erected on or near the site of the present one has been given a chapter. The authorities will be found in the adjoining list. From these, extensive quotations have been made, and as far as possible the records tell the story.

The early records of the town, school, and church are very imperfect; in Eliot's petition to the General Court, June 29, 1669, for a renewal of the school charter, he says, "Our first book and charter were burned in ye burning of John Johnson's house" (1645). But from 1652 the records are in a tolerably good condition, although the events are not always recorded in sequence. Rev. Amos Adams notes in reference to the church records, "Inasmuch as some things worthy of notice are not as I find mentioned in this Book and others yt are, are mentioned in divers places scattered up and down, I have thot proper here to insert ye following articles, following ye Revd. Mr. Eliot and Danforth's annals of events."

The opening words are, "The First Church in Roxbury was gathered July 1632." This is the only evidence on the church records of the gathering of the church, and as no copy of the covenant can be found, it was probably burned in John Johnson's house.

For many years the inhabitants of West Roxbury, Jamaica Plain, and Brookline (then called Muddy River) worshipped in this church. In 1717 the town of Brookline organized an independent church. In 1712 the Congregational Parish of West Roxbury was set off from this church, and in 1770 the First Congregational Society of Jamaica Plain was organized from the West Roxbury Church. In 1821 the Dudley Street Baptist Church was organized; in 1822, the Universalist; in 1832, the St. James Episcopal; in 1834, the Eliot Congregational, and in 1846 the Second Unitarian Church, Mt. Pleasant Congregational, now All Soul's. From this we see that for nearly two hundred years this was the only church within the limits of Roxbury proper.

It has been difficult to get details of the lives of many of those prominent in the church, and many who were prominent in the town and in public life are unnoticed, as there is no mention of them in the church records. This is by no means proof that they were not members. During the last century a large number hired seats, and, attending the church regularly, considered themselves members of the church, but as it is well nigh impossible to learn the names of all of these, they have been omitted, and I have limited myself throughout to those mentioned in the records. In the brief biographies of the early members the date of baptism has been given whenever possible, as this shows that one or both parents were church members. Prior to the year 1752 the year began March 25, therefore the double date has been used for the first three months of the year as at present computed.

I beg gratefully to acknowledge the aid rendered by many friends and especially by those who have given valuable help in offering letters relating to their immediate families. It is to be regretted that it is not possible to print the whole or parts of these letters, but as this is not a genealogical record, I have been obliged to restrict myself to the mere facts of birth, death, and marriage, the occupation of members as far as can be ascertained, and to note any public offices they may have held. I shall be grateful to receive any corrections if dates or facts are found to be wrong.

My thanks are due to Mr. William C. Lane, Librarian of Harvard University, for the photograph of the Corlet "Elegy," and to Messrs. Allen A. Brown and William H. Gerrish for much information in regard to the choirs.

I am greatly indebted to our present pastor, the Rev. James DeNormandie, D.D., for his introduction, and to my mother and sister for their encouragement and help in preparing this work.

Two hundred and seventy-seven years have passed since a few men and women left home and friends for conscience sake, faced the great perils of the wilderness and gathered a Church in Roxbury. The seed then sown has borne wondrous fruit. The creed has changed but the church survives. The spirit of the age and the change in the character of the inhabitants of the locality have greatly influenced the church membership, but under the able and earnest ministration of our present Pastor the Church still flourishes. And it is the prayer and devout wish of those of us who now worship in the old Meeting House on the same site where our forefathers gathered, that here we may continue to worship for many years to come.

WALTER ELIOT THWING.

March, 1908.

INTRODUCTION

MAN has always had a strong affection for the places of his worship. Of many nations these are their only traces which remain. Everything else has passed away — theatres, museums, libraries, art-galleries, forums, halls of traffic — but we still make pilgrimages to the ruins of their altars where they brought their oblations, and sought to escape the frown, or gain the favor, of their divinities.

One cannot pause without emotion, upon a spot, where, from a period reaching back to the settlement of a land, and without any interruption, generations have gathered, in the day of small things, amidst dangers and privations, and in the day of rapid increase in wealth, power and prosperity — to bring the story of their gratitude, penitence, and prayer to the altar of God. However indifferent or neglectful persons may have grown to the observance of religious forms in their old homes, as soon as they come to a new land they set up some place of worship, and confess that need of the spiritual realities to which the whole history of man bears witness.

The First Church in Roxbury traces an eventful history to the settlement of the plantation. On the same spot, without any break in its records, or any pause in its worship, with a line of most distinguished ministers from the Apostle Eliot, to the great preacher, Dr. Putnam, with a very large number of its members eminent in every department of civic, professional, and private life (as will appear in this book), and with many events of historical significance

occurring within its grounds, this church is rapidly approaching the end of three centuries.

The writer of this church history has studied everything relating to it, with careful, faithful, and unwearied labor, wide research and diligent inquiry for several years, and as few churches have had such an eventful history, none has had a more devoted chronicler.

The word "church" is used sometimes for the house of God as, "I am going to St. Paul's to-day," sometimes for the body of communicants, and very often for the whole service of devotion as, "I am going to church this morning." It is on account of this varied use of the word that it is difficult occasionally to fix the exact date of a church's beginning. Some count from the building of the house, some from the settlement of a minister, some from the gathering of a few worshippers on a ship's deck, or under a spreading tree, or in the room of a private house — this latter is the true idea of the ἐκκλησία, the assembly.

The Apostle Eliot's records of the First Church begin thus, "Mr. William Pinchon, he came in the first company, 1630. He was one of the first foundation of the church at Rocksborough." Then he goes on to name several families which he says were of the first company in 1630, certainly enough to have some kind of a gathering for the worship of God; and in days when worship was so dear to them after the persecutions they had suffered in England, especially with all the loneliness and privations, perils of the wilderness, and perils of the Indians, and the rigor of wintry days, in some home however humble they must have assembled and constituted a true church. When weather permitted, and weather was not a serious obstacle in those days to church going, they went for awhile through the pathway in the forests over to Dorchester, "until such time as God should give them oppor-

tunity to be a church among themselves." "Mr. George Alcock, he came wth the first company ano. 1630. When the people of Rocksbrough joyned to the church at Dorchester, he was by the church chosen to be a Deakon esp'c to regard the brethren at Rocksbrough: and after he adjoyned himselfe to this church at Rocksbrough he was ordained a Deakon of this church." The early ministers of these plantations, as the first settlements were called, regarded themselves as self-constituted chroniclers of whatever took place in their sparsely inhabited parishes. They were the historians and journalists of the time. If a house was struck by lightning, or a great storm came, or any portent in the heavens, or some accident befell a settler, or an epidemic appeared, or a brother or sister lapsed into heresy, or a ship arrived or sailed, or if there was an exceptional season, as once the Apostle writes, "not any snow fell this winter," if there was an abundant harvest or a threatened famine, the minister makes a note of it in the parish book, and frequently this is all the history of the times we have.

There was a special reason in the theology of that day for the minister to make these records. According to the Puritan, the Church was a company of Christians under the Government of God. Each church was to mark the separation of the faithful from the sinners; it consisted of the "visible saints," and even if the saintship was not always visible, its object was to maintain a high standard of purity and holiness among its members. Each church was a unit to determine its own rules of faith and life. "The kingdom of God," said the Puritan Robert Browne, "was not to be begun by whole parishes, but rather of the worthiest were they never so few." When the Independent divines put forth their "Declaration," its preface says, "From the first, every, or at least the generality of our churches, have been in a manner

like so many ships (though holding forth the same general colours) lancht singly and sailing apart and alone in the vast ocean of these tumultuating times, and exposed to every wind of Doctrine under no other conduct than the Word and the Spirit, and their particular Elders, and principal Brethren, without association among ourselves, or so much as holding out common lights to others, whereby to know where we are."

No church or union of churches had any right or power to interfere with the faith or discipline of any other church, so it had to be a jealous custodian of the conduct of its own members. There was no disposition to gloss over the faults of anyone, man or woman, who, having once taken hold of the covenant, had fallen from grace; so the minister was quite ready to put down in black and white his spiritual judgment of his flock. But with a keen watch for heresy or for sin, a tender love and sympathy went with it. The atmosphere of every home was known, and any lapsing brother or sister was brought to the open confessional or banished the settlement. On the Rockesbrough Hill fast by the first little rough meeting-house stood the stocks and the pillory, guardians of peace and terror to evil doers, where the offender had to stand in full view of the elect, and where every offence against the gospel was sure to be followed by the penalty of the law. These records make strange reading to-day, but after all the sins make a very small part of them. The records of the Apostle Eliot are of surpassing interest, because the man is the most interesting figure in the early history of New England. There is such a flavor of humanity and godliness about them because the man was so human, so godly. What tender yearnings come out in a sentence like this, about some who had humbled themselves by public confession in the meeting house, "we have cause to hope that the full proceedings of discipline," (no letting up of

discipline) "will doe more good than theire sin hath done harm."

The plan of the writer of this volume has not permitted him to go beyond the affairs and statistics relating to the church — but many matters of historical interest, and especially events connected with the Revolution, cluster around the site of the First Church.

Here Washington came to review the army, the right of which was at Roxbury, its main post being on Meeting-House Hill. Its first commander was General Thomas, whose headquarters were in the parsonage, still standing on the high, rocky bluff near the church, almost the last witness to the scenes of those stormy days, and with a superb view over the city. The lawn in front of the meeting house was the grand parade ground of the army. Here the guards for the advanced lines on the neck, for the main guard in Roxbury Street, and for the other posts, and the fatigue parties employed on the fortifications were formed every morning, and reviewed by General Thomas, who, with his spy-glass, watched from the dormer windows of his house the movements of the enemy at Charlestown. The Rhode Island troops were said to be the best furnished; while the Southern riflemen, in white hunting shirts and Indian moccasins, were among the most picturesque, and also the most feared. They had been trained to think it disgraceful to shoot game anywhere but in the head; and at a review a company of them fired, at a quick advance, their balls into objects of seven inches diameter, at a distance of two hundred and fifty yards. The British spoke of them as those "shirt-tail men, with their cursed twisted guns, the most fatal widow and orphan workers in the world."

When the troops started on their march to Cambridge, and went down Roxbury Street, the one road to Boston, and past

the school-house of the famous grammar school, founded by the Apostle Eliot after the type of the grammar schools of England, the fires of patriotism could no longer be smothered in the teacher, Robert Williams; he dismissed the boys, gave the key of the school-house to a pupil to hand to the trustees, fell in the march with the soldiers, and served throughout the war with a marked distinction which is cherished by his descendants.

Here Whitefield came in his great revival journey and preached on the lawn in front of the church on Friday, April 26, 1740, to an immense congregation coming from every part of the country, and in every kind of vehicle, to the number, it is said, of at least sixteen thousand. After his services he dined with Judge Paul Dudley, the founder of the Dudleian Lectureship at our neighboring University. Whitefield was graciously welcomed by the clergy of Boston, with the exception of Dr. Cutler, rector of Christ Church, who, meeting him on the street, said to him, "I am sorry to see you here," to whom Whitefield quietly replied, "So is the devil."

In the list of members of the church which stood on the site of this present one, and which may be called the church of the Revolutionary period, it is surprising to find how many were officers of the army.

Another matter which enters largely into the history of the First Church is the great interest taken by the Apostle Eliot and members of the congregation in education. In a small manuscript roll covered with dark, time-stained vellum and tied with a cord of skin is preserved one of the most valuable documents in the early history of New England. It contains the covenant for the establishment of "The Free Schoole in Roxburie," afterwards known as "The Grammar School in the Easterly part of the town of Roxbury," and still later as the Roxbury Latin School. It is dated the last

day of August in the year of our Lord 1645. The book is rich in signatures of Eliot, Weld, the Dudleys, Seavers, Williamses, Hemingways, Ruggleses, Mays, Dorrs, Sumners, Heaths, and many who were prominent in the plantation of Roxbury. The method and earnestness with which they entered into the matter, and their determination to sustain the school at whatever sacrifice is shown by another paper the next year wherein, "it is agreed by all those inhabitants of Roxbury as have or shall subscribe their names or marks to this book for themselves severally and for their respective heirs and executors that *not only their houses but* their fields, orchards, gardens, outhouses and homesteads, shall be and hereby are bound and made liable to and for the several sums and rents before and hereafter in this book mentioned to be paid by every of them."

I do not know where one can find earlier, more constant, more generous, or more consecrated efforts in the interests of education, and in the list of subscribers it is remarkable how few made their "marks," for their pledges.

It is impossible to include in this volume these old-time records of what was the heroic age of New England. They are not such records as we write to-day, but at heart the humanity of these worshippers was of the same type as our own. Here is a long and faithful list of those who for generations have worshipped on the same spot, and thousands of their descendants now scattered throughout this vast land will find their names with a touch of grateful memory and emotion. For two hundred and seventy-seven years this church has been the abode of the highest and most helpful ideals to which the human heart can be consecrated, and the fire has not been suffered to die out upon the altar, nor has the altar been removed. We are not like the Fathers by wearing the Puritan dress, nor by subscribing to their doc-

trines, but by sacrifices for a new land; by their interest in education; by their efforts to walk together as the truth might be revealed to them; by a deeper faith in those few great spiritual verities which ever have been, and ever must be, the refuge, support, and inspiration of the human soul.

This church has had a noble past, but the real value of a church is not in its past, but in its ability to minister to the religious needs of to-day.

May many generations gather on this spot for their finest apprehension of truth, and for their deepest assurances of the living God.

JAMES DE NORMANDIE.

45 LAMBERT AVENUE, ROXBURY.
March, 1908.

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HISTORY OF THE FIRST CHURCH IN ROXBURY

The First Meeting House

1632–1674

PASTORS

Rev. Mr. Thomas Welde
Rev. Mr. Samuel Danforth

TEACHER

Rev. Mr. John Eliot

RULING ELDERS

Mr. John Miller Mr. Isaac Heath

DEACONS

Mr. George Alcock
Mr. William Parke Mr. Philip Eliot
Mr. Giles Paison

SEXTONS

John Chandler	chosen in 1659
William Cleaves	chosen in 1669

THE FIRST MEETING HOUSE

JOHN ELIOT was called to be a Teacher to the Roxbury people soon after the building of the first meeting house and his life and labours, together with those of his Nazing associates, occupy no small space in the evangelical annals of New England.

In the words of Mr. Winters, who wrote from the English point of view:

> As a pioneer and reformer, Eliot stands prominent among the settlers and founders of the New World, surrounded and supported by a galaxy of Essex Nonconformists of the purest type. It is well known that there is no county in Old England that can claim precedence of Essex for honest and intrepid men, especially those of the Reformation age, who, for the sake of truth and liberty, endured the tortures of the rack and fagot; and others of a later period feared not to exercise the right of conscience and private judgment in things agreeable to their religious impressions, until overcome by the heat of persecution, they were necessitated to cross the stormy Atlantic in search of a home in the dreary wilds of the Far West.

The First Church in Roxbury, whose influence was to become great and far-reaching, was the sixth to be gathered by the emigrants to New England, being preceded by those of Plymouth (1620), Salem (1629), Dorchester (1630), Boston (1630), and Watertown (1630). A company of the men who arrived in Winthrop's fleet in 1630, sat down in Roxbury, and these, with others who came later in the same year and in 1631, were the founders of our church.

Under the charge of Deacon George Alcock they first joined themselves to the church in Dorchester, until such

time as God should give them opportunity to be a church among themselves. In 1630 they were taxed for the maintenance of the ministers at Charlestown and Boston. The beginning of a church was usually considered to date from the signing of the covenant and the ordaining of the first pastor, but, unfortunately, the covenant of our church cannot be found, though we have the date of the ordination of the first pastor. Rev. Amos Adams notes in the church book that the church was gathered in 1632. On the other hand the words under the clock in the gallery of the present Meeting House built in 1804, and placed there by an unknown hand, say, "This church was gathered in 1631," and Captain Johnson in "Wonder Working Providence" heads the paragraph on Roxbury, "The Fift Church of Christ gathered at Roxbury 1631." But Johnson did not always agree with other authorities as to the date of organization.

To have been without a church, both in the sense of a gathering and a building, must have been very trying to the settlers, and we may infer that while worshipping in Dorchester, they constantly kept in mind their own aspirations, and discussed among themselves their hopes and plans.

Judging from the history of other churches of the time, in all probability the covenant was signed when the first meeting house was built and ready for occupancy, and the first Pastor, Rev. Thomas Welde, ordained, in the month of July, 1632.

During that year another band of emigrants arrived and these were the friends of John Eliot, coming chiefly from Nazing and the adjoining parishes. Before leaving England, Eliot had engaged with a select number of his pious and Christian friends that if they should come into these parts

before he should be in a pastoral care of any other people, he would give himself to them and be for their service. It happened that these friends transplanted themselves hither the year after he came, and chose their habitations in Roxbury, and it was no doubt through their influence with the church which had already settled Mr. Welde as Pastor, that John Eliot was called to be their Teacher, and he was ordained Nov. 5, 1632.

We have no record of the appearance nor the size of the first meeting house, but Captain Johnson in his "Wonder Working Providence" tells us, in speaking of Roxbury:

> Their streetes are large, and some fayre houses, yet have they built their House for Church assembly, destitute and unbeautified with other buildings. The Church of Christ here is increased to about 120 persons, their first Teaching Elder called to office is Mr. Eliot, a yong man, at his comming thither of a cheerfull spirit, walking unblameable, of a godly conversation, apt to teach, as by his indefatigable paines both with his own flock, and the poore Indians doth appeare, whose language he learned purposely to helpe them to the knowledge of God in Christ, frequently Preaching in their Wigwams, and Catechizing their children.

The building was undoubtedly small and oblong and at first without shingles or plaster, with a thatched roof, and without gallery, pew or spire. Probably similar to Dedham in dimensions, that being thirty-six feet long, twenty feet wide and twelve feet high.

In other towns the inhabitants were called to meeting by beat of drum, and no doubt this custom prevailed here.

The people sat on plain benches, men and women apart, on their respective sides of the house, while the boys had a place separate from both with a tything man to keep them in order. Two services were held on Sunday, in the morning and afternoon, with a short interval between. They consisted of first a prayer by the Pastor, then the reading and expounding of scripture by the Teacher, then the singing of a

psalm in a metrical version without instrumental accompaniment, which was dictated or lined by the Ruling Elder, and a sermon of which the approved length was an hour, measured by an hour glass which stood upon the pulpit. The services concluded with a prayer and a blessing from the teacher.

Cotton Mather describes the Officers of the Church as follows:

The office of pastor and teacher appears to be distinct. The pastor's special work is to attend to exortation and therein to administer a word of wisdom: the teacher is to attend to doctrine and therein to administer a word of knowledge; and either of them to administer the seals of that covenant unto the dispensation whereof they are alike called; as also to execute the censures being but a kind of application of the word the preaching of which together with the application thereof they are alike charged withal. Forasmuch as both pastors and teachers are given by Christ, for the perfecting of the saints, and edifying of his body, which saints and body of Christ is his church, and therefore we account pastors and teachers to be both of them church officers, and not the pastor for the church and the teacher only for the schools, tho' this we gladly acknowledge that schools are both lawful, profitable and necessary for the training up of such in good literature or learning as may afterwards be called forth into office of pastor or teacher in the church.

The ruling elder's office is distinct from the office of pastor and teacher. The ruling elders are not so called to exclude the pastors and teachers from ruling, because ruling and governing is common to these with the other, whereas attending to preach and teach the word is peculiar unto the former.

The ruling elder's work is to join with the pastor and teacher in those acts of spiritual rule which are distinct from the ministry of the word and sacraments committed to them of which sort these be as followeth.

1. To open and shut the doors of God's house by the admission of members approved by the church, by ordination of officers chosen by the church and by excommunication of notorious and obstinate offenders renounced by the church, and by restoring of penitents forgiven by the church.

2. To call the church together when there is occasion and seasonably to dismiss them again.

3. To prepare matters in private that in publick they may be carried an end with less trouble and more speedy dispatch.

4. To moderate the carriage of all matters in the church assembled, as to propound matters to the church. To order the season of speech and silence and to pronounce sentence according to the mind of Christ with the consent of the church.

5. To be guides and leaders to the church in all matters whatsoever partaining to church administrations and actions.

6. To see that none in the church live inordinately, out of rank and place without a calling or idlely in their calling.

7. To prevent and heal such offences in life or in doctrine as might corrupt the church.

8. To feed the flock of God with a word of admonition.

9. And as they shall be sent for to visit and pray over their sick brethren.

10. And at other times as opportunity shall serve thereunto.

The office of a deacon is instituted in the church by the Lord Jesus: Sometimes they are called helps. The scriptures telleth us how they should be qualified. Grave, not double-tongued, not given to much wine, not given to filthy lucre. They must first be proved, and then use the office of a deacon, being found blameless. The office and work of a deacon is to receive the offerings of the church, gifts given to the church and to keep the treasury of the church and therewith to serve the tables, which the church is to provide for: as the Lord's table, the table of the ministers, and of such as are in necessity, to whom they are to distribute in simplicity.

The office therefore being limited unto the care of the temporal good things of the church, it extends not to the attendance upon and administration of the spiritual things thereof, as the word and sacraments and the like.

The ordinance of the apostle and practice of the church, commends the Lord's day as a fit time for the contributions of the saints.

At first ministers were provided for by voluntary contributions, but soon other methods were employed and the salary was raised by taxation or in other ways. In the earliest times ministers were ordained by officers of the church, but later other churches were asked to assist.

Children were baptised in the meeting house, generally on the next Sunday after their birth. Ministers did not officiate at marriages and no religious service took place at the burial of the dead.

Persons were admitted to the church after owning the

covenant, but not always at once to full communion. And often they were excommunicated for some offence and upon repentance received again into the church. In those days the discipline of the church was severe and even the ministers were not exempt.

Lechford in "Plain Dealings" tells us:

> That the most persons at New England are not admitted of their church, and therefore are not freemen, and when they come to be tried there, be it for life or limb name or estate, or whatsoever, they must be tried and judged too by those of the church who are in a sort their adversaries.

A slight relaxation was admitted in a few years by which non-members were empowered to serve as jurymen and to vote at town meetings in laying down taxes and choosing selectmen, but the severe policy was retained as a whole until 1665.

A lecture was regularly preached on some secular day of every week. All the established periodical festivals, Christmas, Easter, etc., were disregarded, but fast days and days of public thanksgiving or humiliation were frequent and religiously kept.

In 1634, it being found that the four lectures did spend too much time, the ministers with the advice of the magistrates, and with the consent of their congregations did agree to reduce them to two days. Mr. Warham at Dorchester one 4th day of the week, and Mr. Welde at Roxbury the next 4th day.

In 1634 at a meeting of the Assistants it was then informed us how Mr. Eliot, the teacher of the church of Roxbury, had taken occasion in a sermon, to speak of the peace with the Pekods, and to lay some blame upon the ministry for proceeding therein, without consent of the people, and for other failings as he conceived, we took order that he should be dealt with by Mr. Cotton, Mr. Hooker and Mr. Welde.

After the conference with Mr. Eliot he was brought to acknowledge his error.

Oct. 7, 1636 the General Court met here having adjourned from Cambridge on account of the small-pox.

In regard to the followers of Ann Hutchinson in 1637, Winthrop says, "the town of Roxbury is required to take order for the safe custody of Mrs. Hutchinson" and it is said that she was committed to the personal care of Joseph Weld, the brother of the minister. The church at Roxbury dealt with divers of their members (who had their hands to the petition in regard to Mrs. Hutchinson) and spent many days in public meetings to have them to see their sin, in that, as in also in the corrupt opinions, which they held, but could not prevail with them. So they proceeded to two or three admonitions, and when all was in vain, they cast them out of the church. In their dealings with them they took some of them in plain lies, and other foul distempers.

All town business was transacted in the meeting house, and all matters relating to the church were acted upon in town meeting.

Maverick, in his description of New England, says, in speaking of Roxbury, "by farming is their most subsistence." William Ward says, "The inhabitants being all very rich."

The church prospered under the united labors of Mr. Welde and Mr. Eliot, and they worked together in harmony until Mr. Welde returned to England in 1641, and the church was without a Pastor until Rev. Mr. Samuel Danforth was ordained Sept. 24, 1650.

Sept. 1, 1644 Wee had a solemn and public fast throughout ye jurisdiction.

The relation and interest of the members of this church to the "Free Schoole in Roxburie," now more generally known as the "Roxbury Latin School," can best be told by what

is found in the document of the earliest date in possession of the Trustees and dated "last of August, 1645."

Whereas the Inhabitantes of Roxbury in consideration of their relligeous care of posteritie, have taken into consideration how necessarie the education of theire children in Literature will be to fitt them for public service, both in Church and Commonwealthe, in succeding ages. They therefore unanimously have consented and agreed to erect a free schoole in the said Towne of Roxburie, and to allow Twenty pounds per annum to the Schoolemaster, to bee raised out of the Messuages and part of the Lands of the severall donors (Inhabitantes of the said Towne) in severall proportions as hereafter followeth under theire handes. And for the well ordering thereof they have chosen and elected seven Feoffees who shall have power to putt in or remove the Schoolemaster, etc.

The Feoffees were John Eliot, Joseph Weld, John Johnson, John Roberts, Joshua Hewes, Isaac Morrell, Thomas Lambe. Among the founders of this school were Rev. Thomas Welde, our former Pastor, Rev. John Eliot, our Teacher, Presiding Elder Heath, Deacon Parke, Deacon Eliot, Deacon Paison and of the Founders of our church, John Johnson, Thomas Lambe, William Dennison, Francis Smith, John Leavens, also Mr. Thomas Dudley and Daniel Gookin. Thomas Bell, a member of our church, gave his real estate to the support of the School and in his will mentions that the Minister and two head officers of the said Church at Roxbury and their successors should hold his estate in trust only for the maintenance of a schoolemaster and free schoole for the teaching and instructing of poore mens children at Roxbury, aforesaid forever, and to and for no other use, intent or purpose whatsoever. And from that day to this the minister and two senior Deacons of this church have always been members of the Board of Trustees.

In 1646 the Meeting House was put in safe repaire.

March 17, 1649/50 a collection for ye poor distressed church at Bahamah & yr was about 28 pounds gathered in our little congregation.

In 1654 the town voted to build two galleries and that the selectmen see to it, and in 1656 the ends were clapboarded. Mr. Eliot and Mr. Danforth were each of them allowed £60, per annum, paid generally in corn or otherwise to their content, cleared in accounts ordinarily once in the year, they both having estate in corn and cattle.

Certain propositions agreed upon and voted in ye church ye 24 of 8mo 1658.

1. Infants, either of whose immediate perents are in church-covenant, do confederate in their parents and therefore are members of ye church, and ye church ought to take care that they be duly instructed in the grounds of religion, and be trained up under ye tuition of ye ordinances.

2. The seed of ye church being thus trained up for Thrift, it is their duety when grown to yeares of discretion to owne the covenant their made in their parents and (being orderly called thereunto) personally, publickly and solemnely to avouch ye Lord in an ecclesiacticall way to be their God according to the covenant of Grace, and to submit themselves to ye power and government of Christ in his church.

3. Such of ye seed of ye church as understand ye grounds of religion, are not scandelous and have solemnly owned ye covenant in their own persons wherein they give up themselves and their children unto ye Lord, their children ought to have baptism administered unto them.

4. Though ye persons forementioned owne ye covenant according to ye premises, yet before they are admitted unto full communion, i.e. to ye Lords Supper and to voting, they must so hold forth their faith and evantances unto ye judgment of charity, by way of confession, as it may appear unto ye church yt they are able to examine themselves and to discern ye Lords body and to judge spiritually of spirituall things.

5. Such as being orderly called to owne ye covenant, if after church admonition and other due means with patience used, they shall refuse ye performance of this great duty or in case they shall notwithstanding like meanes applied, any otherwise continue scandalous, they ought to be cut off from ye church.

The vote passed in these words:

Upon many agitations of disquisitions amongst ourselves, upon much advice and counsell and especially that of ye first Synod at Cambridge (1647) and ye late councill at Boston (1657) and after more than ten years time of consideration about these points in hand, we, ye church of Roxbury

are at last come up to this resolution that we judge in our consciences yt those 5 propositions are agreeable to ye truth of God and rules, wch we now are to walk by.

On the 30th January 1659/60 it was left to the selectmen to repair the Meeting House and to do as they please for the strength, warmth and beauty of said house, namely, that the house is to be shingled and also two galleries built, with three seats in a gallery, one at the one end of the house and the other at the other end. Also the house to be plastered within side with plaster and haire; also for the seting out of the house, that some pinakle or other ornament be set upon each end of the house; also the bell to be removed in some convenient place for the benefit of the town, and the charge to be borne by the several inhabitance by way of a rate. For which work Lieut. John Remington is to have twenty-two pounds; more, if the worke deserveth more; lesse, if the work deserveth lesse.

In 1659 John Chandler was to have 50 shillings a year for ringing the bell and sweeping and 3 pounds if he would "keep ye doore bowlted," and he continued to serve until 1669.

The 5 of ye (5) 1659. This day the Teaching and Ruling Elders of our church, as messengers of ye church mett at Roxbury, with ye messengers of other churches, for to heare the Indeans make a relation of the work of God upon ther soull; at wch time ther weer six made ther relation in the Indian tongue & repeated by Mr. Eliat in Englesh witnessed unto ye truth of his translation by Mr. Pearson of Long Island and Goodman ffolgier of Martin's Vinyard; & Mr. Eliat's own son. (This is recorded in the Dorchester church records as well as the following.)

The first of ye (11) 60 ther was also a fast kept at Roxbury on ther lecture day.

At a Town Meeting Jan. 15, 1665/6 it is stated, "the same day it being a complaint of several of the Inhabitance that they wanted convenient Rome to sit in the Meeting House to their edification by reason of the disturbance the boys make in the Gallery, and the voat of the Towne is such they desire the selectmen to advise with the elders about removing the boys, or building some other Gallery, or making another paier stayers or doing anything that may be the best Good for the whole."

8th. 9 m. 1665 a solemn thanksgiving.

22. 9 m. 1665 A solemn Fast in reference to ye sickness in England.

In Jan. 1666/7, "it was voated for making more Rome in the Meeting House, that there should be another seate added to the men's Gallery, and it was left by the same voate to the selectmen, together with the advice of the elders, to consider of the making another paier stayers to the said gallery, or doeing anything else that way as may conduce to the good of the whole body for the end above expressed."

April 6, 1666. All the churches in this jurisdiction kept a solemn day of Fasting and Prayer.

John Alcocke in his will dated May 10, 1666, says, "I give to ye church of X^{t} in Roxbury £3 to buy them a good wine boule."

1st mo 21. 1666/7. This day our church made a collection for Mr. Wigglesworth £4 17*s*.

8th 2 mo 1667. Our church made a collection for the relief of our brethren and countrymen who were reduced to extremities at Cape Feare. The sum was about seven pounds.

In 1669 William Cleaves was appointed sexton and served until 1677.

1670 4 mo 20 day. A solemn conference of 6 churches,

viz: ye elders and messengers of ye First Church in Boston, of Roxbury, of Dorchester, Weymouth, Cambridge and Watertown, met at Braintree at ye request of ye church there, for ye hearing and ye healing of their divisions and distractions, in reference to ye choice of Teaching Elders amongst them.

On Dec. 16, 1672, the Selectmen made a church rate for the payment of the Elders which amounted to £120.12.3 and the surplus was left in the hands of the Deacons.

In this Meeting House the people worshipped for forty years. Many of the first settlers were dead or had moved away and their children were now heads of families.

The population of the town having increased to such an extent that a larger house of worship was necessary and this Meeting House being constantly in need of repairs, on December 10, 1672, there was a full towne meeting in consultation about repairing of the meeting-house and it was, "after much debate with love and condescending one to another, concluded by voate to build a nue meeting-house as near the other as conveniently may be," provided it exceed not ten rods from this spot where it now stands. A committee was chosen to have charge of this important affair some time during the following year and in 1674 this building was torn down and a new meeting-house erected.

REV. MR. THOMAS WELDE

THOMAS WELDE was born in Terling, four miles west of Witham in Essex county, England. He was educated at Trinity College, Cambridge, receiving the degree of A.B. in 1613, and A.M. in 1618 and then settled in the ministry in his native place. Here he received into his family the Rev. Thomas Shepard six months before the latter took his degree at Cambridge, and later when the persecutions of Archbishop Laud were driving many across the water, Welde and Shepard consulted together whether it were best to let such a swine root up God's plant in Essex and not give him some check. But they both incurred the penalties of the laws against non-conformists and followed their brethren to New England.

Welde arrived in Boston in the *William and Francis*, June 5, 1632, and after many importunings and days of humiliation by those of Boston and Roxbury, to seek the Lord for Mr. Welde, his disposing, and the advice of those at Plymouth being taken, at length he resolved to sit doen with them at Roxbury and was ordained Pastor of this church in July, 1632.

He took the oath of freeman Nov. 6, 1632.

Mr. Welde was valiant in the faith, a defender of the truth and of the churches in this land both in the pulpit and with his pen. His own honest convictions and principles led him to take an active part in religious controversies. He was very popular with the Magistrates and was often consulted in political matters. He was one of the chief inquisitors at the trial of Ann Hutchinson, who, after her conviction, was banished and her followers disarmed.

In 1639 he assisted his colleague and Richard Mather in making the New England version of the Psalms. In 1641

the colony thought fit to send a commission to England to negotiate various matters, and their choice fell upon Mr. Welde, Hugh Peters and William Hibbens. The Court so moved the church of Roxbury for Mr. Welde that after some time of consideration they freely yielded. He went by the way of Newfoundland, where he preached to the seamen and thence took passage to England in a fishing vessel.

Mr. Hibbens returned home within a year, but Mr. Welde and Mr. Peters prolonged their stay until they seem to have suffered no little suspicion from the General Court. In Oct., 1645, the Court adopted a vote "that Mr. Peters and Mr. Welde, having been long absent, may understand the Court's mind, that they desire their presence here and speedy return." But neither came. Mr. Welde was afterwards settled over St. Mary's Church at Gateshead in the bishoprick of Durham opposite Newcastle.

Mr. Welde was twice married (1) to Margaret —— (2) to Judith.—— Rev. Samuel Danforth thus records his death in the church book. "March 23 (60) Mr. Thomas Welde sometime Pastor to this church dyed in London."

While in Roxbury he lived east of the town street not far from the present corner of Washington and Dudley Streets. In Eliot's letters to England we find him soliciting aid to enable him to purchase Welde's library, from which it may be inferred that he was well supplied with literary tools.

He published about 1644 "A short Story of the rise, reign and ruin of the Antinomians, Familists and Libertines, that infested the churches of New England." With three other ministers he wrote "The Perfect Pharisee under Monkish Holiness," against the Quakers. He was also the author of "The Fallen Jew Detected," against a man who pretended to be first a Jew and then an Anabaptist, and "A Vindication of the New England Churches."

REV. MR. JOHN ELIOT

JOHN ELIOT, who has been known since his death as the Apostle to the Indians, was a son of Bennett and Lettese (Aggar) Eliot and was born in Widford, Hertfordshire, England in 1604 & baptised Aug. 5, 1604 in the Parish Church, Widford, in which his parents were married Oct. 30, 1598. In the old record book one reads in letters quite distinct, "Anno Dm: 1604 John Elliott, the sonne of Bennett Eliot was baptised the 5th day of August in the year of our Lord God 1604."

His parents early imparted to him religious instruction, and it was not without effect. His father held lands in both Hertfordshire and Essex from the profits of which the sum of 8 pounds yearly was set apart by will, Nov. 5, 1621, for the maintenance of John at college. On March 20, 1619, John Eliot was entered as a pensioner at Jesus College in Cambridge where he was graduated in 1622 with the degree of bachelor of arts.

After receiving his education he was for some time the instructor of youth. Rev. Thomas Hooker, who afterwards became the first minister of the church in Cambridge (then called Newtown), New England and later the founder of the church in Hartford, Conn., was at this time a silenced nonconformist minister. He had established a grammar school at Little Baddow in Essex. In this school Mr. Eliot was employed as an assistant teacher. This connection with Mr. Hooker proved a great blessing to young Eliot. His example and instruction confirmed Eliot in the belief and practice of Christianity. "When I came to this blessed family," said he, "I then saw as never before, the power of godliness in its lively vigor and efficacy." He here resolved to devote

himself to the work of the Christian ministry. This he did when there was nothing in prospect for a Puritan minister but fines and imprisonments.

It was this that turned his thoughts towards this Western wilderness. With a mind made up to endure the perils of the wilderness he embarked on board the ship *Lyon* reaching Boston November 3rd, 1631. The Company that came with him consisted of sixty persons, among this number were the wife and children of Governor Winthrop. Eliot left behind him in England (as Mather quaintly describes her) a virtuous young gentlewoman, Hanna (Anna) Mumford (or Mountfort), whom he had pursued and proposed a marriage unto; and she coming hither the year following, that marriage was consummated September 4th, A.D. 1632 (the first record of a marriage in Roxbury).

Mrs. Eliot has not received that attention from her husband's biographers of which she is worthy. From the incidental references in Cotton Mather's memoir of the Apostle a concise account of Mrs. Eliot may be gleaned. In the church records, after giving a list of their children, he has written her name in a line by itself, as a member of his church, thus:

"Mris. Ann Eliot, the wife of Mr. John Eliot."

That one wife which was given to him truly from the Lord, he loved, prized, cherished, with a kindness that notably represented the compassion which he (thereby) taught his church to expect from the Lord Jesus Christ; and after he had lived with her for more than half an hundred years, for she died March 24, 1687 in the 84th year of her age, he thus speaks of her death. "Iys year my ancient dearly beloved wife dyed. I was sick to death, but the Lord was pleased to delay me, and keepe in (i.e. retain) my service wch was but poore and weak." "How beautiful and touching is this

simple eulogy of the Apostle on his departed wife — a tribute more eloquent to the heart, than ever any that soiled the published page of ostentatious grief." The popular affection for Mrs. Eliot's character and memory is beautifully illustrated by the following incident. A considerable sum of money had been contributed to redeem Mr. William Bowen, a fellow townsman, from captivity among the Turks, but news of his death arriving "about the time Good oald Mrs. Eliot lay at the point of death," it was devoted to the erection of a ministerial tomb, and resolved that Mrs. Eliot, "for the great service she had done for the town," should be honored with a burial there; "but," says the relator, "before the Tomb was finished the good oald gentlewoman was dead," and she was committed to its sacred care, "wherein was never man yet laid." There mingles with her dust that of her descendants for many generations.

By her did God give him six worthy children, children of a character which may forever stop the mouths of those anti-christian blasphemers who have set a false brand of disaster and infamy on the offspring of a married clergy. By the prudent management of his wife, who looked well to the ways of her household, Eliot was enabled to be generous to his friends, and hospitable to strangers, and with a small salary to educate four sons at Harvard College, of whom John and Joseph, ministers of Newton and Guilford, were the best preachers of that age, Samuel who died early in life and Benjamin born Jan. 29, 1646. This Benjamin was made the son of his right hand, for the invitation of the good people of Roxbury placed him in the same pulpit with his father, where he was his assistant for many years but died before his father.

His family was a little Bethel for the worship of God constantly and exactly maintained in it; and unto the daily

prayers of the family, his manner was to prefix the reading of the scripture; which being done, it was also his manner to make his young people to chuse a certain passage in the chapter and give him some observation of their own upon it. By this method he did mightily sharpen and improve, as well as try their understandings, and endeavor to make them wise unto salvation. He was likewise very strict in the education of his children, and more careful to mend any error in their hearts and lives, than he could have been to cure a blemish in their bodies. No exorbitancies or extravagancies could find a room under his roof, nor was his house any other than a school of piety; one might have there seen a perpetual mixture of a Spartan and a Christian discipline. Whatever decay there might be upon family religion among us, as for our Eliot, we knew him, that he would command his children, and his household after him, that they should keep the way of the Lord.

What estate he became owner of was from the blessing of God upon the husbandry and industry of some in his family, rather than from any endeavours of his own. Once when there stood several kine of his own before the door, his wife, to try him, asked him "whose they were?" and she found that he knew nothing of them. He could not endure to plunge himself into secular designs and affairs, but accounted Sacerdos in foro as worthy of castigation as Mercator in Templo; he thought that minister and market man were not unisons, and that the earth was no place for Aarons holy mitre to be laid upon. His apparel, says Mather, was without any ornament except that of humility. Had you seen him with his leathern girdle (for such a one he wore) about his loins, you would almost have thought what Herod feared, that John Baptist was come to life again.

In his manner of living he was very simple. The meat

upon which he lived was a cibus simplex, an homely but an wholesome diet. Rich varieties, costly viands and poignant sauces, came not upon his table, and when he found them on other men's he rarely tasted of them. One dish and a plain one was his dinner; and when invited unto a feast a friend has seen him sit magnifying of God, for the plenty which his people in this wilderness were within a few years arisen to; but not more than a bit or two of all the dainties taken into his own mouth all the while. And for a supper, he had learned of his loved and blessed patron, old Mr. Cotton, either wholly to omit it, or to make a small sup or two the utmost of it. The drink which he still used was very small; he cared not for wines or drams, and I believe he never once in all his life knew what it was to feel so much as a noxious fume in his head, from any of them; good clear water was more precious, as well as more usual with him, than any of those liquors with which men do so frequently spoil their own healths, while perhaps they drink those of other men. When at a stranger's house in the summer time, he has been entertained with a glass, which they told him was of water and wine, he has with a complaisant gravity replied unto this purpose, "Wine, 'tis a noble generous liquor, and we should be humbly thankful for it; but as I remember, water was made before it." His house stood where the People's Bank now stands, at the corner of Washington and Dudley Streets.

We now turn to his public life. As before stated he arrived in Boston Nov. 3, 1631, and soon joined himself unto the Church at Boston; 'twas church work that was his errand hither. Mr. Wilson, the pastor of that church, was gone back into England, that he might perfect the settlement of his affairs; and in his absence young Mr. Eliot was he that supplied his place. Upon the return of Mr. Wilson, that

church was intending to have made Mr. Eliot his colleague and their teacher; but it was diverted and a church being now gathered at Roxbrough, now Roxbury, according to an agreement with his Nazing friends, he was ordained unto the teaching and ruling of that holy society Nov. 5, 1632, as colleague to Rev. Mr. Welde, with the title of Teacher, Mr. Welde being the Pastor of the Church. These two ministers lived together in much harmony.

So it was in the orb of that church that we had him as a star fixed for very near three score years. He that will write of Eliot, must write of charity, or say nothing. His charity was a star of the first magnitude in the bright constellation of his virtues: and the rays of it were wonderfully various and extensive. His liberality to pious uses whether publick or private went much beyond the proportions of his little estate in the world. Many hundreds of pounds did he freely bestow upon the poor; and he would with a very forcible importunity press his neighbors to join with him in such beneficences. It was a marvellous alacrity with which he embraced all opportunities of relieving any that were miserable; and the good people of Roxbury doubtless cannot remember (but the righteous God will), how often and with what ardors, with what arguments, he became a beggar to them for collections in their assemblies, to support such needy objects as had fallen under his observation. The poor counted him their father, and repaired still unto him, with a filial confidence in their necessities; and there were more than seven or eight, or indeed than so many scores who received their portions of his bounty. He did not put off his charity, to be put in his last will; but he was his own administrator. He made his own hands his executors, and his own eyes his overseers.

In 1634 Mr. Eliot incurred the displeasure of the colonial

magistrates by a sermon in which he criticised their conduct in making a treaty with the Pequot Indians without first obtaining the consent of the people. For these injudicious animadversions he was required to make a public apology. In 1637 both he and Mr. Welde opposed the wild notions of Mrs. Hutchinson and were both witnesses against her at her trial. In 1639 they were appointed with Rev. Richard Mather, of Dorchester, to make a new version of the psalms, which was printed in the following year. For tuneful poetry it would not perhaps yield the palm even to that of Sternhold and Hopkins, but it did not give perfect satisfaction. Mr. Shepard, of Cambridge, thus addressed the translators:

> Ye Roxbury poets, keep clear of the crime
> Of missing to give us very good rhyme:
> And you of Dorchester, your verses lengthen,
> But with the text's own words you will them strengthen.

It was the first book printed in the English-American colonies. The New England Psalms were afterwards revised and improved by President Dunster, and they have passed through twenty editions. In 1641 Mr. Welde returned to England.

To his congregation Mr. Eliot was a preacher that made it his care to give every one their meat in due season. It was food and not froth which in his public sermons he entertained the souls of his people with, he did not starve them with empty and windy speculations. His way of preaching was very plain; so that the very lambs might wade into his discourses on those texts and themes wherein elephants might swim; and herewithal, it was very powerful, his delivery was always very graceful and grateful. It yet more endears unto us the memory of our Eliot, that he was not only an evangelical minister, but also a true New England one;

he was a Protestant and a Puritan, and one very full of that spirit which acted on the first planters of this country, in their peaceable succession from the unwarrantable things elsewhere imposed upon their consciences. He was a modest, humble, but very reasonable non-conformist with the ceremonies, which have been such unhappy apples of strife in the Church of England. There were especially two things which he was loth to see, and yet feared he saw, falling in the churches of New England. One was a thorough establishment of ruling elders in our churches, which he thought sufficiently warranted by the apostle's mention of elders that rule well, who yet labour not in word and doctrine. He was very desirous to have prudent and gracious men set over our churches, for the assistance of their pastors, in the church acts that concern the admission and exclusion of members, and the inspection of the conversation led by the communicant, and the instruction of their several families, and the visitation of the afflicted in their flock, over which they should preside. Such helps in governments had he himself been blessed withal; the last of which was the well-deserving Elder Bowles; and of him, did this good man, in a speech to a synod of all the churches in this colony, take occasion to say, "There is my brother Bowles, the godly elder of our church at Roxbury, God helps him to do great things among us:" Had all our pastors been so well accommodated, it is possible there would be more encouragement given to such an office as that of ruling elders.

His benevolent labors were not confined to his own people. The natives of the country now possessed by the New Englanders had been forlorn and wretched heathen ever since their first herding here; and though we know not when or how those Indians first became inhabitants of this mighty continent, yet we may guess that probably the devil decoyed

those miserable savages hither in hopes that the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ would never come here to destroy or disturb his absolute empire over them. There were, at the time, when he began his missionary exertions, nearly twenty tribes of Indians within the limits of the English planters and were very similar in manners, language and religion.

Mather continues, "I cannot find that anything besides the Holy Spirit of God first moved him to the blessed work of evangelizing these perishing Indians. It was the spirit of our Lord Jesus Christ which enkindled in him a pitty for the dark souls of these natives, whom the God of this world had blinded through all the by-past ages. But when this charitable pitty had once began to flame, there was a concurrence of many things to cast oyl into it. All the good men in the country were glad of his engagement in such an undertaking the ministers especially encouraged him, and those in the neighborhood kindly supplyed his place, and performed his work in part for him at Roxbury while he was abroad labouring among them that were without. Hereunto he was further awakened by those expressions in the royal charter, in the assurance and protection whereof this wilderness was first peopled: namely, To win and incite the natives of that country to the knowledge and obedience of the only true God and Saviour of mankind, and the christian faith, in our royal intention, and the adventurers free profession is the principal end of the plantation." It was among the Massachusetts Indians that Mr. Eliot began his missionary labors.

The first step which he judged necessary now to be taken by him, was to learn the Indian language, the Algonquin dialect being the one spoken by the Indians of Massachusetts Bay; for he saw them so stupid and senseless, that they would

never do so much as enquire after the religion of the strangers now come into their country, much less would they so far imitate us, as to leave off their beastly way of living, that they might be partakers of any spiritual advantage by us, unless we could first address them in a language of their own. This Massachusetts tribe and its language have long been extinct and there are few, if any, living who can translate it. He began the study of their language probably about the year 1643 or perhaps earlier. In a letter dated 2/12/1648 he wrote. "There is an Indian living with Mr. Richard Calicott, of Dorchester, who was taken in the Pequott Warres, though belonging to Long Island; this Indian is ingenious; can read; and I taught him to write, which he quickly learnt, though I know not what use he now maketh of it. He was the first that I made use of to teach me words, and to be my Interpreter."

At the end of his Indian grammar (Cambridge 1666) Mr. Eliot gives the following account of his method of learning the language, "I have now finished what I shall do at present: And in a word or two to satisfie the prudent Enquirer how I found out these new wayes of Grammar, which no other Learned Language (so farre as I know) useth; I thus inform him: God first put into my heart a compassion over their poor Souls, and a desire to teach them to know Christ, and to bring them into his Kingdome. Then presently I found out (by Gods wise providence) a pregnant witted young man, who had been a Servant in an English house, who pretty well understood our Language, better than he could speak it, and well understood his own Language, and hath a clear pronunciation: Him I made my Interpreter. By his help I translated the Commandments, the Lords Prayer, and many Texts of Scripture: also I compiled both Exhortations and Prayers by his help. I diligently marked the

difference of their Grammar from ours: When I found the way of them, I would pursue a Word, a Noun, a Verb, through all variations I could think of. And thus I came at it. We must not sit still, and look for Miracles; Up and be doing, and the Lord will be with thee. Prayer and Pains, through Faith in Christ Jesus, will do anything."

There is a letter or two of our alphabet, which the Indians never had in theirs; though there were enough of the dog in their temper, there can scarce be found an R in their language; but if their alphabet be short, I am sure the words composed of it be long enough to tire the patience of any scholar in the world: For instance, if my reader will count how many letters there are in this one word,

NUMMATCHEKODTANTAMOONGANUNNONASH

when he has done, for his reward I'll tell him, it signifies no more in English than our lusts; and if I were to translate, our loves, it must be nothing shorter than,

NOOWOMANTAMMOONKANUNONNASH.

Or to give my reader a longer word than either of these,

KUMMOGKODONATTOOLLUMMOOETITEAONGANNUNNONASH

is in English, our question.

In 1646 Mr. Eliot began to preach to the Indians in their own tongue. About the middle of September he addressed a company of the natives in the wigwam of Cutshamoquin, the sachem of Neponset, within the limits of Dorchester. His next attempt was made among the Indians of another place, "those of Dorchester mill not regarding any such thing." He first preached to an assembly of Indians at Nonantum in the present city of Newton Oct. 28, 1646.

The following is the Inscription on the tablet erected near the spot: —

> Waban Shephard Gookin Heath
> Here at Nonantum Oct. 28, 1646 in Waban's Wigwam
> Near this spot John Eliot began to preach the Gospel to
> the Indians. Here he founded the first Christian community of Indians within the English Colonies.

Isaac Heath, aged 61 years, elder of the church at Roxbury, Eliot's friend and counsellor.

Thomas Shepard, aged 41 years, pastor of the Church in Cambridge.

Daniel Gookin, aged 34 years, friend and companion of Eliot in his work from beginning to end, historian and guardian of the Indians.

After a serious prayer, he gave them a sermon which continued about a quarter above an hour, and contained the principal articles of the Christian religion, applying all to the condition of the Indians present. Having done, he asked of them whether they understood, and with a general reply they answered, they understood all. He then began what was his usual method afterwards in treating with them; that is, he caused them to propound such questions as they pleased unto himself; and he gave wise and good answers to them all. One immediately inquired whether Jesus Christ could understand prayers in the Indian Language? Another asked how all the world became full of people, if they were all once drowned? A third question was, how there could be the image of God since it was forbidden in the Commandment.

He preached to them a second time, Nov. 11, and some of them wept while he was addressing them. An old man asked, with tears in his eyes, whether it was not too late for him to repent and turn unto God? Among the other inquiries were these — how it came to pass that sea water was

salt and river water fresh; how the English came to differ so much from the Indians in the knowledge of God and Jesus Christ since they all at first had but one father; and why if the water is larger than the earth, it does not overflow the earth? He was violently opposed by the sachems, and pawaws or priests, who were apprehensive of losing their authority if a new religion was introduced. When he was alone with them in the wilderness, they threatened him with every evil, if he did not desist from his labors; but he was a man not to be shaken in his purpose by the fear of danger. He said to them, "I am about the work of the great God, and my God is with me; so that I neither fear you, nor all the sachems in the country. I will go on, — do you touch me, if you dare." With a body capable of enduring fatigue, and a mind firm as the mountain oaks which surrounded his path, he went from place to place, relying for protection upon the great Head of the Church, and declaring the salvation of the gospel to the children of darkness. His benevolent zeal prompted him to encounter with cheerfulness the most terrifying dangers, and to submit to the most incredible hardships. He says in a letter, "I have not been dry, night or day, from the third day of the week unto the sixth; but so travelled, and at night pull off my boots and wring my stockings, and on with them again, and so continue. But God steps in and helps." May 26, 1647 the General Court ordered that £10 be given Mr. Eliott as a gratuitie from this court in respect of his paynes in instructing the Indians in the knowledge of God also on Oct. 27, 1648 (upon the request of Mr. John Eliot, pastor to the church at Roxbury) it was ordered that none in Boston should sell wine to the Indians but Wm Phillipps, upon pinnaltie of 20^s^ to be heard and determined by any magistrate in case of drunkeness. Whereas Mr. Eliot undertook to procure to the country ten

shillings from an Indian for his being drunk, which Indian since is dead, the Court therefore thinks meete to release Mr. Eliot from his engagm^{t}.

Martin Moore says Mr. Eliot found that he could not bring the gospel to bear a steady and constant influence upon the natives, unless they had settled homes and constant employment. They must abandon their roving and idle habits, and become industrious. He despaired of Christianizing them, except he could civilize them. He proposed to Waban and his associates to settle a town and conform themselves to the rules of civilized society. They readily agreed to this proposal. They selected a site for their settlement in the eastern part of Newton. The name of their town was Nonantum. In their language it signified "rejoicing." They were furnished with shovels, spades, crow-bars, etc. They surrounded their fields with fences and ditches. They called for tools faster than Mr. Eliot could procure them. The women partook of the general spirit of improvement. The spinning-wheel was introduced into their families, and they were clothed with their own fabrics. They soon felt the advantages of traffic. They manufactured many articles and carried them abroad to sell. They also labored among their English neighbors in times of hay-getting and harvest. The style of their wigwams was also greatly improved. The wigwams of the common people were equal to those formerly erected for their chiefs.

Mr. Eliot had wished for a long time to establish a town, modeled after a particular plan that he had in his own mind. We should have supposed that he would have fixed on Nonantum as the spot for his first town of "Praying Indians." Some considerable improvements had already been made at this station. But he had certain insuperable objections to making this the site of his model town. The territory was

too small. They were surrounded by English neighbors, many of whom exerted a bad influence upon them. He wished to remove them into the interior, so that they should not have much connection with the white people, and that there might be room to gather a large body of Indians into a society. He wished to make a fair experiment of civilizing the Indians. If he could be successful in forming one well governed, Christianized town, he hoped to form many more after the same model. The converts at Nonantum wished very much to be organized on Mr. Eliot's plan. He went out several times to explore the woods, to find a proper location. He did not find a place that suited his wishes. On returning from one of these exploring tours, he stopped on the way, retired behind a rock and asked divine direction. While he was gone out to hunt for a location, his Indians at home were asking God to guide and direct him. Some of the Indians that were in company with him mentioned a place, the description of which pleased him. Upon a careful survey, he fixed on that spot as the future location of his town. This place he afterwards called Natick. Gookin has very particularly described the mode of laying out the town. The Indians removed from Nonantum to Natick in 1651. The town Natick in the Indian language means a place of hills. It consisted of three long streets; two on the Boston side of the river, and one on the other. To each house was attached a piece of ground. Most of the houses were built after the Indian fashion. One large house was erected in the English style, the lower apartment of which was employed as a schoolroom in the week, and as a place of worship on the Lord's day. Afterwards they partitioned off a small bedroom for Mr. Eliot to sleep in, when he visited them. They also erected a fort and enclosed it with a stockade. Mr. Eliot encouraged them to build a foot

bridge over the river so as to connect the different parts of the town. This was a great work for them; but it stood the spring floods, while a bridge built by the English at Medfield was carried away. This bridge was eighty feet long and nine feet high in the middle. When they had finished it, Eliot called them together and asked them if they wanted pay for their labor. They replied, "no." It was built for their own benefit and not for his. They built a meeting house, fifty by twenty-five and twelve feet between the joists. This was built almost exclusively by themselves. An English carpenter helped them a day or two.

After the settlement of the town Mr. Eliot proceeded to organize a civil government according to his own views. He took as the basis of his government the advice which Jethro gave to Moses, "Moreover, thou shalt provide out of all the people able men, such as fear God, men of truth, hating covetousness; and place such over them, to be rulers of thousands, and rulers of hundreds, rulers of fifties, and rulers of tens." Exodus xviii, 21. In compliance with this counsel, about one hundred of them held an assembly and chose one ruler of the hundred, two rulers of fifty and ten rulers of ten. After the rulers of ten were chosen, they placed themselves in order, and every individual arranged himself under the one whom he chose. After the establishment of this town he continued to visit and preach to them as often as circumstances would admit. At this distance of time, it is not possible to ascertain definitely the progress that they made in the arts of living, or in the knowledge and practice of religion. There is sufficient evidence left behind to show that Eliot was not an enthusiast as it respected their religion. Although the appearance of some was very favorable, yet he continued for a long time to keep them in the situation of catechumens. He proceeded very slowly in

gathering them into a church estate. He began to preach to them in 1646, but did not organize them into a church until 1660.

He made a missionary tour every fortnight, planted a number of churches, and visited all the Indians in Massachusetts and Plymouth colonies, pursuing his way as far as Cape Cod in the East to the rocky hillsides of Brookfield in the West. Mr. Eliot was one of the most useful preachers in New England. No minister saw his exertions attended with greater effects. He spoke from the abundance of his heart, and his sermons, being free from that labored display of learning, from the quibbles and quaint turns with which most discourses were at that time infected, were acceptable in all the churches. So much was he endeared to his own people that they continued his salary after he had offered to resign it, and when he was unable to preach; and the youth were in the habit of visiting him, calling him their father and friend. Such attentions chased away the gloom which usually hangs over the head of the aged and cheered the evening of his life. His moral and religious character was as excellent as his ministerial qualifications were great. He carried his good principles with him in every situation, viewing all things in reference to God. He habitually lifted up his heart for a blessing upon every person whom he met and when he went into a family he would sometimes call the youth to him that he might lay his hands upon them and give them his benediction. Such was his charity, that he gave to the poor Indians most of his salary of fifty pounds, which he received annually from the society for propagating the gospel.

So remarkable was he for his charities, that on one occasion when the parish treasurer paid him the money due for his salary, he tied the ends of a handkerchief, into which he put

it, in as many hard knots as he could, to prevent him from giving away the money before he should reach home. The good man immediately went to the house of a sick and necessitous family and told them that God had sent them some relief. Being welcomed by the sufferers with tears of gratitude, he began to untie the knots. After many fruitless efforts, and impatient of the perplexity and delay, he gave the handkerchief and all the money to the mother of the family, saying, "Here, my dear, take it; I believe the Lord designs it all for you."

In his principles of church government he was attached to the Congregational order. Yet he contended earnestly for frequent synods or councils, as necessary for the preservation of union, for the suppression of dangerous opinions and heresies, for the correction of abuses, and the healing of divisions. In one of his treatises he proposed four orders of councils, the congregational, provincial, national and ecumenical. He thought that every particular church should have ruling elders to assist the minister in the duties of government and instruction. In his admissions to the church he required of the candidates some evidence that they were truly Christians, renewed in their hearts by the Spirit of God. He withstood the attempts which were made to change the old practice of giving a relation of the work of divine grace, which practice, in his view, honored the Saviour, and produced an intimate union among his disciples. He could not, in conscience, give the cup of the Lord to anyone who did not give some evidence of being a sincere Christian. With all his excellencies he had some singularities and strange notions. He had a most deep-rooted prejudice against wigs. He preached against the custom of wearing them; he prayed against it; he attributed to it the evils which overwhelmed the country. He thought, as Dr. Cotton

Mather, who himself wore a wig, informs us, "that for men to wear their hair with a luxurious, delicate, feminine prolixity, or to disfigure themselves with hair, which was none of their own, but above all, for ministers of the gospel to ruffle it in excesses of this kind," was an enormous sin. But fashion would bear sway, notwithstanding his remonstrances, and he finally ceased to complain, saying, "the lust is become insuperable." His prejudice against tobacco was as strong as his aversion to wigs; but in contempt of all his admonitions the hairless head would be adorned with curls of foreign growth and the pipe would send up volumes of smoke. In his old age, not long before his death, he used to say that he was shortly going to heaven and would carry a deal of good news with him; he would carry tidings to the old founders of New England, that our churches still remained and that their number was continually increasing.

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It was with joy that he received Mr. Walter as his colleague in 1688. When he was bending under his infirmities and could no longer visit the Indians, he persuaded a number of families to send their negro servants to him once a week, that he might instruct them in the truths of God.

On the day of his death he was found teaching the alphabet to an Indian child at his bedside. "Why not rest from your labors now?" said a friend. "Because," replied the venerable man, "I have prayed to God to render me useful in my sphere and he has heard my prayer, for now that I can no longer preach he leaves me still strength enough to teach this poor child his alphabet."

He died May 20, 1690, saying that all his labors were poor and small, and exhorting those who surrounded his bed to pray. His last words were, "Welcome joy." There is no portrait of him extant.

Mr. Eliot published several letters in a work entitled,

"The Glorious Progress of the Gospel among the Indians, etc." 1649; Tears of Repentance, in conjunction with Mr. Mayhew 1653; a Late and Further Manifestation of the Progress of the Gospel amongst the Indians, etc., 1659; a Brief Narrative of the Progress of the Gospel, etc., 1670. A work of his entitled, "The Christian Commonwealth, etc." was published in England about the year 1660, written nine or ten years before. When it was received in Massachusetts, the Governor and Council, viewing it as full of seditious principles against all established governments, especially against the monarchy of their native country, required Mr. Eliot to make a recantation, which he accordingly did, acknowledging, that government by kings, lords and commons was not anti-Christian. The book was suppressed. A copy is in Colonel Aspinwall's collection of books relating to America. In 1661, he published his translation of the New Testament into the Indian tongue; second edition, 1680, and in 1663, his immense work, the translation of the whole Bible, in 4to. entitled, "Mamusse Wunneetupanatamwe Up-Biblum God naneeswe Nukkone Testament Kah Wonk Wusku Testament." A second edition was printed in 1685, revised by Mr. Cotton, and both of them were printed in Cambridge, Mass. The longest word is in Mark 1:40,

WUTAPPESITTUKQUSSUNNOOHWEHTUNKQUOH,

"kneeling down to him."

A PORTION OF THE LORD'S PRAYER TRANSLATED INTO THE INDIAN LANGUAGE.

Our Father which art in heaven	Nooshun Keesukqut Quttianata
Hallowed be thy name	munach Koowesuonh Pergan-
Thy Kingdom come	moonch Kukketarsootamoonch.

Mr. Eliot also published, "Jews in America," 1660, intended to prove that the Indians were descendants of the Jews; an Indian grammar, 1666; a new edition, with notes by Du Ponceau and introduction by J. Pickering, 8 volumes, 1822; also in 2d (Mass.) Historical Collections, ninth volume; The Logic Primer, for the use of the Indians, 1672; the Psalms, translated into Indian meter, and a catechism, annexed to the edition of the New Testament, in 1680; a translation of The Practice of Piety, of Baxter's Call to the Unconverted, and of several of Shepard's works; the Harmony of the Gospels, in English, 4to., 1678; the Divine Management of Gospel Churches by the Ordinance of Councils, designed for the reconciliation of the Presbyterians and Congregationalists. Nine of his letters to Sir Robert Boyle are in the 3d volume of the Historical Collections, and his account of Indian churches in the ninth volume. His "Christian Commonwealth," is in Historical Collections, 3d series, volume nine.

REV. MR. SAMUEL DANFORTH

Samuel Danforth, the second pastor of this church, was the sixth child and second son of Nicholas and Elizabeth ——— Danforth, and was baptized 17th Oct., 1626, in Framlingham, Suffolk County, England. His mother died in 1629, and in 1634 his father emigrated to New England, with all his children, and settled in Cambridge. Cotton Mather speaks of him as:

> A gentleman of such estate and repute in the world, that it cost him a considerable sum to escape the Knighthood which King Charles the First imposed on all of so much per annum, and of such figure and esteem in the church that he procured that famous lecture at Framlingham, where he had a fine manor, which was kept by many noted ministers. When the Laudian fury scored them he came to New England.

He died in 1638 and committed young Samuel to the care of Rev. Mr. Shepard, the minister in Cambridge who proved a kind patron unto him. Samuel was graduated at Harvard College in the class of 1643 and was made the second Fellow, his class being the second class that was graduated from that college. From his being early appointed one of the officers of instruction, we may infer that his rank as a scholar was high. He was also a member of the corporation, and, to the extent of his means, a donor to the college. On May 10, 1648, he was admitted to the freedom of the colony. Rev. Mr. Welde having returned to England the church at Roxbury invited Mr. Danforth to become a colleague to Mr. Eliot whose evangelical employments abroad among the Indians made a colleague at home very necessary. On May 12, 1650, he was dismissed from the Cambridge church and recommended and admitted to the First Church of Roxbury. He was ordained pastor of this church Sept. 24, 1650.

"On the 11th of the 9th mo. 1651," says the town record, "there was voted a levy upon all the inhabitants for the raysing of 50 pounds, towards the building or buying of an house for Mr. Danforth, our pastor." This was nine years prior to his purchase of Capt. Joseph Weld's house in the town street near that of John Eliot, in which he finally resided. Here he continued until his decease, and no temptations arising, either from the incompetency of the salary allowed him to support an hospitable family, or from the provocation which unworthy men in the neighborhood sometimes tried him withal, could persuade him to accept of motions, which were made unto him, to remove into more comfortable settlements; but keeping his eye on the great man's motto, *prudens qui patiens*, he continued in his Roxbury station for three years more than thrice seven together.

Evidence of his uncomfortable proximity to the Greyhound Tavern is also seen in the fact that he exerted his influence to have such persons only keep houses of public entertainment as would "keep good order and manners in them," and when from his study window he saw any town dwellers trifling there, he would go over and chide them away. What with the venerable apostle Eliot on one side and the godly Danforth upon the other, the tavern roisterers would seem to have been under a pretty thorough surveillance.

In early life he devoted some time to scientific pursuits, especially to astronomy. He published almanacs for several years, some of which were considered valuable for the chronological tables they contained.

That part of the diary in the church records written by him is filled with accounts of comets, earthquakes, prodigies, and other phenomena of nature. He particularly mentions the following in the year 1664.

Nov. 17. About this time there appeared a Comet in ye Heavens the first time I saw it wch was ye 5th of 10 m. It appeared a little below the Crows Bill in Hydra in ye Tropick of Capricorn or neer to it. on ye 18th day it appeared in Canis Major 2 degrees below ye Tropick. On ye 19th day I observed it to passe on ye upper star in ye Hares foot about 2 degrees & ½ above the tropick. It continued till Feb. 4.

He maintained that a comet is a heavenly body moving according to defined laws, and that its appearance is portentous.

The sermons, with which he fed his flock, were elaborate and substantial; he was a notable text-man, and one who had more than forty or fifty scriptures distinctly quoted in one discourse; but he much recommended himself by keeping close to his main text, and avoiding all remote excursions and vagaries; and there was much notice taken of it, and though he was a very judicious preacher, yet he was therewithal so affectionate that he rarely, if ever, ended a sermon without weeping. On the Lord's days in the forenoons he expounded the books of the Old Testament; in the afternoons, he discoursed on the body of divinity, and many occasional subjects, and some chapters in the Epistle to the Romans, until the year 1661, and then he began to handle the harmony of the four Evangelists. He also preached a monthly lecture, and on many private occasions, at meetings of Christians in families of the faithful. But instead of ever venturing upon any extemporaneous performances, it was his manner to write his sermons twice over, and it was in a fair long hand that he wrote them, he then committed every word to memory and his memory was so tenacious that it was never known to fail him. His utterance was free, clear and giving much in a little time. As a pastor he was unwearied in his attentions to his parishioners, visiting faithfully the sick and afflicted. There is no theological publication of his, except we consider his election sermon as such, which is a recognition of

New England's errand into the wilderness. It was delivered in 1670.

After his contraction, according to the Old usage of New England, unto Mary, the Virtuous Daughter of the Reverend Mr. John and Elizabeth (Mansfield) Wilson, the first minister of Boston, whereat Mr. Cotton preached the sermon, he was married Nov. 5, 1651, and was blessed with twelve children. Two of his sons became eminent divines in this State. Rev. John Danforth was minister of Dorchester from 1682 to 1730, Rev. Samuel Danforth was minister of Taunton from 1688 to 1727. Danforth died Nov. 19, 1674, after an illness of only six days, contracting a fever while on a journey. In the church record under the same date Eliot writes this touching passage:

"Our Rev. pastor, Mr. Samuel Danforth, sweetly rested from his labors. It pleased the Lord to brighten his passage to glory. He greatly increased in the power of his ministry, especially the last summer. He cordially joined with me in maintaining the peace of the churches. We consulted together about beautifying the house of God with ruling elders, and to order the congregation into the primitive way of collections." "My brother Danforth," said he, "made the most glorious end that I ever saw."

He was thus eulogized in verse:

Mighty in scripture, searching out the sense,
All the hard things of it unfolding thence;
He lived each truth, his faith, love, tenderness,
None can to th' life as did his life express.
Our minds with gospel his rich lecture fed,
Luke and his life at once are finished.
Our new-built church now suffers, too, by this,
Larger its windows, but its Lights are less.

RULING ELDERS

Mr. John Miller was educated at Gonville and Caius College, Cambridge, where he took his A.B. in 1627, and in the "Magnalia" is included by Mather in his "first classics." He came to New England in 1634 with his wife Lydia and son John. Freeman May 22, 1639. While in Roxbury he was chosen to the office of a Ruling Elder of this church. From 1639 to 1641 he was an assistant to the Rev. Ezekiel Rogers at Rowley. He returned to Roxbury at various intervals and probably preached when any temporary need existed. He died, in Groton, June 12, 1663.

Mr. Isaac Heath was born in Nazing, England, in 1585, and came to this country late in 1635, aged 50, in company with his wife Elizabeth and daughter Elizabeth. He settled in Roxbury and his homestead and farm of three acres were near what is now the southwest corner of Washington and Vernon Streets. Freeman May 25, 1636. He was by trade a harness-maker and was one of the principal founders of the Free Schoole. Deputy 1637–8. About 1637 he was chosen by his townsmen to the office of a Ruling Elder of this church, a special recognition of his prudence, wisdom and godliness. This office placed him in intimate relation with Eliot, who consulted him in all his plans and difficulties. He assisted Eliot in his Indian labors, accompanying him in his toilsome expeditions through the wilderness and expounded the gospel to the natives. In the meeting house he occupied an elevated seat between the deacons' seat and the pulpit and continued in office through life. He died, in Roxbury, Jan. 21, 1660/1.

DEACONS

Mr. George Alcock came with the first company in 1630. He left his only son in England. His wife, a sister of Rev. Thomas Hooker, died soon after he came to this land. When the people of Rocksbrough joyned to the church at Dorchester, "until such time as God should give them opportunity to be a church among themselves," he was by the church chosen to be a Deakon, especially to regard the brethren at Rocksborough. And after he had adjoyned himself to this church at Rocksborough, he was ordained a Deacon of this church in 1632. He made two voyages to England upon just calling thereunto, wherein he had much experience of God's preservation and blessing. He brought over his son John and also a wife, by whom he had his second son Samuel. He was a physician. Freeman, Oct. 19, 1630. Deputy to the First General Court, May 14, 1634. He lived in a good and godly sort, and died in the end of the 10th month 1640, and left a good savor behind him, the poor of the church much bewailing his loss.

Mr. William Parke (Parkes) was born in England in 1604 and came to this country February 1630/1 a single man, and was one of the first in the church at Rocksbrough. Freeman, May 18, 1631, and ordained a Deacon of this church in 1632. He married Martha Holgrave of Salem and lived on the North side of the road to Dorchester. He was a man of influence and wealth, of pregnant understanding and useful in his place. Deputy to the General Court for thirty-three years, & often selectman. One of the original donors of the "Free Schoole" and also a Trustee. He died May 10, 1683, aged 79 years.

Mr. Philip Eliot, son of Bennett and Lettese (Aggar) Eliot and brother of Rev. John Eliot, our Teacher, was baptised April 25, 1602, in Nazing, England, and came to this country in 1635 with his wife Elizabeth (Ferian) Eliot, whom he had married in 1621 in Nazing. Freeman, May 25, 1636. He was probably ordained a Deacon of this Church in 1640 in place of Deacon Alcock, who died that year. He was a man of peace & very faithful, he was many years in the office of a Deakon w^h^ he discharged faithfully. In his latter years he was very lively, usefull & active for God, & his cause. The Lord gave him so much acceptanc in the hearts of the people y^t^ he dyed under many of the offices of trust y^t^ are usually put upon men of his rank, for, besides his office of a Deakon, he was a Deputy to the Gen. Court, Comissioner for the govn̄m^t^ of the towne, one of the 5 men to order the prudential affairs of the towne & chosen to be Feofee of the Publike Schoole in Roxbury. One of the original donors of the Free Schoole. He died 22/8/1657.

Mr. Giles Paison (Payson) baptised in Nazing May 14, 1609, was one of the Nazing emigrants and 26 years old when he embarked for New England April 3, 1635 in the "Hopewell"; a single man when he came to Roxbury. He married Elizabeth Dowell, a maide servant. Freeman, April 18, 1637. One of the original donors of the Free Schoole and also a Trustee. He held many town offices. He was elected & called to ye office of a Deacon 14 (11^m.^) 1671 & ye Sabbath following, 21. 11. 1671 he was solemnly ordained, by prayer and imposition of ye hands of ye Elders, Deacon of this church. He died Jan. 28, 1688/9.

FOUNDERS

WILLIAM PINCHON, came in the first company, 1630, as one of the Assistants of the Company, and he was chosen to that office annually until he left Roxbury, and again in later years. His wife died soon after he landed and he married (2) Mrs. Frances Samford of Dorchester. When so many removed to the Connecticut river he went with them and planted at a place called Agawan, now Springfield. He was recommended to the church at Winsor until such time as it should please God to provide that they might enter into church estate among themselves.

GEORGE ALCOCK, see Deacons.

THOMAS LAMBE, farmer, came to Roxbury in 1630 with wife Elizabeth. m. (2) Dorothy Harbottle. Freeman May 18, 1631. An original donor of the Free Schoole. Died March 28, 1646.

ELIZABETH LAMBE, wife of Thomas Lambe.

THOMAS RAWLINGS, carpenter and planter, came in the first company 1630 with wife Mary. Freeman May 16, 1631. Removed to Weymouth.

MARY RAWLINGS, wife of Thomas Rawlings.

ROBERT COLE, came in the first company, 1630. Freeman Oct. 19, 1630, with prefix of respect. Removed to Salem.

MARY COLE, wife of Robert Cole.

JOHN JOHNSON, farmer, came to Roxbury in 1630 with wife Margery; m. (2) Grace Fawer. Freeman May 18, 1631. Constable 1630. Selectman. Surveyor general of the ammunition, which, while stored in his house, caught fire, blew up the house and all was lost. It was at this time that the records were destroyed. May 8, 1632, he and Robert Cole were chosen from Roxbury to advise with the governor at the next General Court. May 14, 1634, Deputy from Roxbury to the first General Court of delegates. Artillery Company, 1638. An original donor to the Free Schoole. Died Sept. 30, 1659.

MARGERY JOHNSON, wife of John Johnson.

JEHU BUR (Burr), carpenter, came to Roxbury in 1630. Freeman May 18, 1631. In 1633 appointed by the Court to see to the bridges between Boston and Roxbury. Removed to Springfield with Pinchon.

GOODWIFE BUR, wife of Jehu Bur.

WILLIAM CHASE, came in the first company, 1630, with wife Mary. Freeman May 18, 1631. Removed to Scituate.

MARY CHASE, wife of William Chase.

Richard Bugby, came to Roxbury in 1630 with wife Judith. Freeman May 18, 1631. Died before 1641.

Judith Bugby, wife of Richard Bugby.

Gregorie Baxter, farmer, came to Roxbury in 1630. Freeman March 6, 1631/2; married Margaret Paddy. Removed to Braintree.

Francis Smith, cardmaker and farmer, came to Roxbury in 1630. Freeman May 18, 1631. Served on the first inquiry held by a coroner, Sept. 28, 1630. An original donor of the Free Schoole. Removed to Boston.

Griffith Crofts (Crafts), farmer and carpenter, came to Roxbury in 1630 with wife Alice; m. (2) Ursula (Adams, Hosier, Streeter) Robinson, her fourth husband; m. (3) Dorcas Ruggles. Freeman May 18, 1631. Selectman. Deputy to the General Court, 1638, 1663, 1664. Lt. of the Roxbury company. Artillery company, 1668. An original donor of the Free Schoole. Held many positions of trust. Died Oct. 4, 1689.

Alice Crofts, wife of Griffith Crofts.

William Parke, see Deacons.

William Dennison, farmer, born at Bishops Stratford, Herts, England, came to Roxbury in 1631 with wife Margaret (Chandler). Freeman July 3, 1632. Constable, 1634. Deputy, 1635. Appraiser of Wills. Disarmed as follower of Ann Hutchinson. An original donor of the Free Schoole. Died Jan. 25, 1654.

Margret Dennison, wife of William Dennison. It pleased God to work upon her heart & change it in her ancient years, after she came to this land & joined to the church in the year 1632.

Samuel Wakeman, yeoman, came to Roxbury, Nov., 1631, with wife Elizabeth. Freeman Aug. 7, 1632. Removed to Cambridge.

Elizabeth Wakeman, wife of Samuel Wakeman.

Richard Lyman, bap. Oct. 30, 1580, in High Onger, Essex Co., England; came to Roxbury, Nov., 1631. Freeman June 11, 1633. Removed to Springfield with Pinchon.

Sarah Lyman, wife of Richard Lyman.

Phillis Lyman, daughter of Richard Lyman, m. William Hills.

John Carmen, came to Roxbury in 1631 with wife Florence. Was a Patentee of Hamstead, Long Island, and removed there.

Florence Carmen, wife of John Carmen.

Thomas Goldthwaight, single man, came to Roxbury in 1631. Freeman May 14, 1634. Removed to Salem in 1636.

Valentine Prentise, came to Roxbury in 1631 with wife Alice. Freeman Aug. 7, 1633. Died in 1633.

Alice Prentise, wife of Valentine Prentise.

MEMBERS BETWEEN 1631 AND 1650.

ROBERT GAMLIN, came to Roxbury in 1632. Freeman May 14, 1634. Removed to Concord.

JOHN PERRY, farmer, came to Roxbury in 1632. Freeman March 4, 1632/3. Died Sept. 21, 1642.

JOHN LEAVENS, farmer, came to Roxbury in 1632 with wife Elizabeth; m. (2) Rachel Wright. Freeman March 4, 1633/4. An original donor of the Free Schoole. Died Nov. 15, 1647.

RICHARD DUMMER, born about 1599 in Bishopstoke, Hants, England, came to Roxbury in 1632 with wife Mary. Freeman Nov. 6, 1632. Built the first watermill in Roxbury in 1633. Removed to Newbury.

MARY DUMMER, wife of Richard Dummer. She was a godly woman but by the seduction of some of her acquaintances she led away into the new opinions in Mrs. Hutchinson's time.

WILLIAM TALMAGE, carpenter, and an early member of this church, came to Roxbury with wife Elizabeth. Freeman March 14, 1634. Removed to Lynn.

ELIZABETH TALMAGE, wife of William Talmage.

MR. THOMAS WELDE, our first Pastor.

MARGARET WELDE, wife of Mr. Thomas Welde.

JUDITH WELDE, 2nd wife of Mr. Thomas Welde.

JOHN WATSON, farmer, came to Roxbury in 1632. Freeman Nov. 5, 1633. m. Alice, widow of Valentine Prentise. An original donor of the Free Schoole. Died Jan. 5, 1671/2.

THOMAS WOODFORDE, a man servant, came to Roxbury in 1632. Freeman March 4, 1634/5. Married Mary Blott. Removed to Hartford.

MARGERY HAMMOND, a maide servant, came to Roxbury in 1632. Married John Ruggles.

MARY BLOTT, a maide servant, came to Roxbury in 1632, m. Thomas Woodforde.

ANN SHELLY, a maide servant, came to Roxbury in 1632, married ——— Foxall, a godly brother of the church of Sittuate.

REBECKAH SHORT, a maide servant, came to Roxbury in 1632, married (Walter) Palmer of Charlestowne church.

WILLIAM HILLS, a man servant, came to Roxbury in 1632. Married Phillis Lyman. Freeman May 14, 1634. Removed to Hartford.

JOHN COGGESHALL, mercer, from county Essex, came to Roxbury in 1632 with wife Mary. Freeman Nov. 6, 1632. Removed to Boston, thence to Rhode Island.

MARY COGGESHALL, wife of John Coggeshall.

WILLIAM HEATH, farmer, came to Roxbury in 1632 with wife Mary. Freeman March 4, 1632/3. Deputy May 14, 1634. Died May 29, 1652.

MARY HEATH, wife of William Heath.

WILLIAM CURTIS, farmer, came to Roxbury from Nazing, England, in 1632 with wife Sarah (Eliot) Curtis. Freeman March 4, 1632/3. Died Dec. 8, 1672, aged 80.

SARAH CURTIS, wife of William Curtis.

THOMAS OFFITT, came to Roxbury in 1632 with wife Isabel. Freeman March 4, 1633. Removed with Pinchon to Springfield.

ISABEL OFFITT, wife of Thomas Offitt.

ISAAC MORRILL, farmer, came to Roxbury in 1632 with wife Sarah. Freeman March 4, 1633. Selectman. Artillery Co., 1638. An original donor of the Free Schooll. Died Dec. 20, 1661.

SARAH MORRILL, wife of Isaac Morrill.

DANIEL BREWER, farmer, came to Roxbury in 1632 with wife Joanna. Freeman May 14, 1634. Died March 28, 1646.

JOANNA BREWER, wife of Daniel Brewer.

MR. JOHN ELIOT, our Teacher.

MRIS. ANN ELIOT, the wife of Mr. John Eliot.

ABRAHAM PRATT, came to Roxbury from Charlestown in 1632 with wife Johanna. Returned to Charlestown.

JOHANNA PRATT, wife of Abraham Pratt.

MARY GAMLIN, a maide servant, dau. of Robert Gamlin sr, came with her father. Died in 1633.

ROBERT GAMLIN, JR., came to Roxbury May 20, 1632, with wife Elizabeth, widow of Thomas Mayo of County Kent, England, and her son John Mayo. An original donor of the Free Schoole. Died in 1663.

ELIZABETH GAMLIN, wife of Robert Gamlin, Jr.

SAMUEL BASSE, came to Roxbury in 1632 with wife Ann. Freeman May 14, 1634. Removed to Braintree.

ANN BASSE, wife of Samuel Basse.

JOHN TATMAN (Totman), farmer, came to Roxbury in 1632. Freeman May 2, 1638. Had indulgence in 1639 from the General Court for living more than half a mile from the church. Died Oct. 28, 1670.

———, Wife of John Totman.

JASPER RAWLINGS, came to Roxbury in 1632 with wife Jeane. Freeman June 11, 1633. Removed to Wethersfield.

JEANE RAWLINGS, wife of Jasper Rawlings.

WILLIAM PERKINS, minister, b. Aug. 25, 1607. Came to Roxbury in 1632. Freeman Sept. 3, 1634. m. Eliz. Woolton. Removed to Weymouth.

JOHN MOODY, came to Roxbury in 1633 with wife Sarah. Freeman Nov. 5, 1635. An original donor of the Free Schoole. Removed to Hartford, Conn.

SARAH MOODY, wife of John Moody.

JOHN WALKER. Freeman May 14, 1634. Removed to Boston and then to Rhode Island.

——— Walker, wife of John Walker.

ELIZABETH HINDS, a maide servant, came to Roxbury in 1633, married Alexander ———, of Boston.

ELIZABETH BALLARD, a maide servant, came to Roxbury in 1633, married Robert Sever of this church.

JOHN PORTER, farmer. Freeman Nov. 5, 1633. Wife Margaret. Removed to Hingham.

MARGRET PORTER, wife of John Porter.

NICHOLAS PARKER, yeoman, came to Roxbury in 1633 with wife Ann. Freeman March 4, 1633/4. Removed to Boston.

ANN PARKER, wife of Nicholas Parker.

MARGRET HUNTINGTON, widdow, came to Roxbury in 1633.

PHILIP SHERMAN, a single man, came to Roxbury in 1633. Freeman May 14, 1634. m. Sarah Odding. Disarmed as follower of Ann Hutchinson. Removed to Rhode Island.

THOMAS PIGGE (Pidge), came with wife Mary. Freeman May 14, 1634. Died Dec. 30, 1643.

MARY PIGGE, wife of Thomas Pigge.

SAMUEL FINCH, m. (1) Martha ———, (2) Judith ———. Freeman May 14, 1634. An original donor of the Free Schoole. Died Jan. 27, 1673/4.

MARTHA Parke, wife of Deacon William Parke.

THOMAS WILSON, miller, came to Roxbury in 1633 with wife Ann. Freeman May 14, 1634. Removed to Exeter.

ANN WILSON, wife of Thomas Wilson.

JOSHUA HEWES, a single man, ironmonger, came to Roxbury in 1633. Freeman March 4, 1633/4. m. Mary Goldstone. Deputy. Artillery Co. 1643. An original donor of the Free Schoole. Removed to Rhode Island and thence to Boston.

Isaac Johnson, came to Roxbury in 1630 with his parents. Joined our church in 1633. Freeman March 4, 1634/5. m. Eliza Porter. Artillery Co. 1645. An original donor of the Free Schoole. Capt. Roxbury Co. Deputy, 1671. Killed in the Narraganset fight, Dec. 19, 1675.

Elizabeth Johnson, wife of Isaac Johnson.

Ralph Hinningway (Hemingway), a man servant, came to Roxbury in 1633. Freeman Sept. 3, 1634, m. Eliza Hewes. Became one of the largest land holders in Roxbury. Active in town affairs. An original donor of the Free Schoole. Died June 1, 1677 or 8.

Sarah Odding, daughter-in-law to John Porter, married Philip Sherman.

Thomas Hills, a man servant. He came in the year 1633. He lived among us in good esteem and Godly & dyed about the 11t or 12t month 1634 and left a good savor behind him, he was a very faithfull & prudent servant & a good christian. He dyed in Mr. Eliot's family.

Thomas Hale, a single man. Freeman May 14, 1634. Removed to Hartford. Afterwards returned and married Jane Lord, one of our members, and returned to Conn.

Edward Riggs, came to Roxbury in 1633 with wife Eliza. Freeman May 14, 1634. Died March 5, 1671. Fought in the Pequod War.

John Graves, came to Roxbury from Nazing in 1633 with a wife; married (2) Judith ———. Freeman April 18, 1637. Died Nov. 4, 1644. Eliot calls him "godly brother of the church" and says of him and Thomas Ruggles that "these two broke the knot first of the Nazing Christians. I mean they first died of all those Christians that came from that town in England."

Judith Graves, wife of John Graves.

John Stow, came to Roxbury in 1634 with wife Elizabeth. Freeman Sept. 3, 1634. Removed to Concord.

Elizabeth Stow, wife of John Stow.

John Compton, laborer. Wife Susanna. Freeman Sept. 3, 1634. Removed to Boston.

——— Hues, a maide servant.

William Cornewell, farmer, came to Roxbury in 1634 with wife Joane. Removed to Conn.

Joane Cornewell, wife of William Cornewell.

Abraham Newell, farmer, came to Roxbury from Ipswich, Eng., in 1634, aged 50, with wife Frances. Freeman March 4, 1634/5. An original donor of the Free Schoole. Died June 13, 1672.

Frances Newell, wife of Abraham Newell.

William Freeborne, came to Roxbury in 1634, aged 40, with wife Mary. Freeman Sept. 3, 1634. Removed to Rhode Island.

Robert Potter, farmer, came to Roxbury in 1634 with wife Isabel. Freeman Sept. 3, 1634. Removed to Rhode Island.

Isabel Potter, wife of Robert Potter.

Sarah Burrell, wife of (John) Burrell.

Richard Pepper, farmer, came to Roxbury from Ipswich, Eng., in 1634, aged 27, with wife Mary. Freeman March 4, 1634/5. An original donor of the Free Schoole.

Mary Pepper, wife of Richard Pepper.

Elizabeth Howard, a maide servant.

Robert Sever, came to Roxbury in 1634. Freeman April 18, 1637. m. Elizabeth Ballard. Selectman. An original donor of the Free Schoole. Died May 13, 1683.

Phebe Disborowe, wife of Walter Disborowe.

Christopher Peake, a single man. Freeman March 4, 1635. m. Dorcas French. An original donor of the Free Schoole. Died May 22, 1666.

Mr. Thomas Jenner, came to Roxbury in 1634. Removed to Weymouth.

Mr. John Miller, see Ruling Elders.

Lidea Miller, wife of Mr. John Miller.

Richard Goard, came to Roxbury in 1635, aged 17. m. Phebe Howes. Died Sept. 29, 1683.

John Ruggles, shoemaker, bap. in Nazing, March 25, 1593, came to Roxbury in 1635 with wife Barbara. He was a lively christian, knowne to many of the church in old England where many of the church injoyed society together. Freeman April 18, 1637. An original donor of the Free Schoole. Deputy 1658, 1660, 1661. Died Oct. 6, 1663.

Barbara Ruggles, wife of John Ruggles.

Elizabeth Wise, a widdow.

Isaak Heath, see Ruling Elders.

John Astwood, husbandman from Stanstead Abbey, Co. Herts, Eng., came to Roxbury in 1635, aged 26, with wife Martha. Freeman March 3, 1635/6. Removed to Milford.

Martha Astwood, wife of John Astwood.

Philip Eliot, see Deacons.

Elizabeth Eliot, wife of Philip Eliot.

Giles Paison, see Deacons.

Edward Payson, a man servant, m. Ann Parke. Freeman May 13, 1640. An original donor of the Free Schoole. Removed to Dorchester.

Nicholas Baker, stopped in Roxbury only a short time. Removed to Hingham.

Joseph Welde, storekeeper, brother to our first pastor, came to Roxbury in 1635 with wife Eliza. m. (2) Barbara Clap. Freeman March 3, 1635/6. Deputy, 1637. Capt. of Roxbury Militia. An original donor of the Free Schoole. Buried Oct. 7, 1646.

Barbara Welde, wife of Joseph Welde.

Thomas Bell, came to Roxbury in 1635. Freeman May 25, 1636. He and his wife had letters of Dismission granted and sent to England in Sept. 1654. He died in England in 1672, and in his will left all his property in Roxbury to the Free Schoole.

———, Wife of Thomas Bell.

William Webb. Freeman May 25, 1636. Wife Rebecca. Removed to Boston.

Rebecca Webb, wife of William Webb. She followed baking and through her covetuous mind she made light waight after many admonitions & for a grosse ly in publik, flatly denying yt after she had weighed her dough, she never nimed off bitts from each loaf, for all wh grosse sins she was excommunicated. But afterward she was reconciled to ye Church & lived christianly & dyed comfortably.

Adam Mott, tailor, with wife Sarah, came to Roxbury in 1635 from Cambridge, Eng. Freeman May 25, 1636. Removed to Rhode Island.

Sarah Mott, wife of Adam Mott.

Mrs. Anna Vassaile, wife of William Vassaile.

Richard Carder. Freeman May 25, 1636. Removed early to Boston, afterwards to Rhode Island.

Lawrence Whittamore, husbandman, from Stanstead Abbey, Co. Herts, Eng., came to Roxbury in 1635, aged 63, with wife Eliza. Freeman April 18, 1637. Died in 1644. As he had no children he gave his estate to the Free Schoole.

Jasper Gun, aged 29, came to Roxbury in 1635 with wife Ann. Freeman May 25, 1636. Removed to Hartford.

Thomas Birchard, aged 40, came to Roxbury in 1635 with wife Mary. Freeman May 17, 1637. Removed to Hartford.

Mary Birchard, wife of Thomas Birchard.

John Cheney, shoemaker, came to Roxbury in 1635 with wife Martha. Removed to Newbury.

Martha Cheney, wife of John Cheney.

Mary Norrice, a maide, dau. of Mr. Edward Norrice, Teacher to the Church at Salem.

Elizabeth Bowis.

Henry Bull, a man servant, aged 25, came to Roxbury in 1635. Freeman May 17, 1637. Removed to Rhode Island.

James How, came to Roxbury with wife Elizabeth. Freeman May 17, 1637. Removed to Ipswich.

Elizabeth How, wife of James How.

Mr. John Gore, came to Roxbury in 1635 with wife Rhoda. Freeman April 18, 1637. Art. Co. 1638. An original donor of the Free Schoole. Died June 2, 1657.

Rhoda Gore, wife of Mr. John Gore.

Mary Swaine, a maide servant.

Jane Lorde, a maide servant.

Elizabeth Dowell, a maide servant. Married Giles Paison.

Phillis Pepper, a maide servant.

Edward Porter, came to Roxbury in 1636 with wife Elizabeth. Freeman May 17, 1637. An original donor of the Free Schoole. Removed to Boston.

Elizabeth Porter, wife of Edward Porter.

John Roberts, came to Roxbury in 1636 with wife Elizabeth. Freeman May 22, 1639. An original donor of the Free Schoole. "He was one of the first fruits of Wales that came to New England called to Christ by the ministry of yt Reverend and worthy instrument Mr. Wroth." Died Nov. 27, 1651.

Elizabeth Roberts, wife of John Roberts.

George Kilborne, a man servant, bap. at Wood Ditton, Co. Cambridge, Feb. 12, 1612, came to Roxbury in 1636 with wife Eliza. Freeman May 13, 1640. Removed to Rowley.

Robert Williams, cordwainer, bap. Dec. 11, 1608, in Great Yarmouth, Norfolk Co., Eng., came to Roxbury in 1637 with wife Elizabeth (Stalham). Freeman May 10, 1643. Selectman. An original donor of the Free Schoole. Died Sept. 1, 1693.

Elizabeth Williams, wife of Robert Williams.

Samuel Hagbourne, came to Roxbury in 1637 with wife Catharine. Freeman May 2, 1638. A benefactor of the Free Schoole. Died Jan. 24, 1643.

Catharine Hagbourne, wife of Samuel Hagbourne.

Abraham Howe, came to Roxbury in 1637 with wife. Freeman May 2, 1638. Removed to Boston. Held office of fence viewer in Roxbury.

———, Wife of Abraham Howe.

Thomas Ruggles, came to Roxbury in 1637 with wife Mary (Curtis), from Nazing. Freeman May 22, 1639. Died Nov. 16, 1644.

Mary Ruggles, wife of Thomas Ruggles. An original donor of the Free Schoole.

Edward Bridge, came to Roxbury about 1637 with wife Mary. Freeman May 22, 1639. An original donor of the Free Schoole. Died Dec. 20, 1683, aged 82.

Mary Bridge, wife of Edward Bridge.

Thomas Mighill, came to Roxbury in 1637 with wife Ellen. Removed to Rowley.

Ellen Mighill, wife of Thomas Mighill.

Christian Spisor, a maide servant.

Rachel Write, a maide servant. Married brother John Leavins.

Johanna Boyse, a maide.

Matthew Boyce. Freeman May 22, 1639. Removed to Rowley.

——, Wife of Matthew Boyce.

George Holmes, came to Roxbury with wife Sarah. Freeman May 22, 1639. An original donor of the Free Schoole. Died Dec. 18, 1665.

Sarah Holmes, wife of George Holmes.

Jane Stebbins, wife of Martin Stebbins.

William Chandler, came to Roxbury about 1637 with wife Hannah. Freeman May 13, 1640. He lived a very religious and Godly life among us. He died Jan. 19, 1641/2 and left a sweet memory & savor behind him.

Hannah Chandler, wife of William Chandler.

Walter Blackburn, came to Roxbury with wife Elizabeth. Freeman May 22, 1639. Returned to England in 1641.

Elizabeth Blackburn, wife of Walter Blackburn.

Richard Peacock, glazier, came to Roxbury with wife Jane. Freeman May 22, 1639. An original donor of the Free Schoole. Dismissed to ye church at Boston, 9. 5^{m}, 1665.

Jane Peacock, wife of Richard Peacock.

M^{RIS} Sheafe, a widdow.

Arthur Geary, was in Roxbury with wife Frances in 1638. Freeman March 14, 1639. An original donor of the Free Schoole. Died Dec. 17, 1666, aged 67.

Frances Geary, wife of Arthur Geary.

M^{RIS} Greene, a widdow.

Silenc Robbinson, wife of Thomas Robbinson.

Samuel Chapin, came to Roxbury in 1638 with wife Cicely. Freeman June 2, 1641. Removed to Springfield in 1642.

Cicely Chapin, wife of Samuel Chapin.

James Astwood, came to Roxbury in May, 1638, with wife Sarah. Freeman May 22, 1639. An original donor of the Free Schoole. Dismissed to ye new church in Boston.

Sarah Astwood, wife of James Astwood.

Dorothy Harbittle, a maide servant, married Thomas Lamb.

Ann Wallis, a maide servant.

Thomas Reives, a man servant, came to Roxbury in 1638 and was servant of John Gore until 1644. m. Hannah Rowe. Freeman May, 1645. Removed to Springfield.

John Weld, b. Oct. 28, 1623, in England, came to Roxbury in 1638, married Margaret Bowen. Freeman May 22, 1650. Served in King Phillip's War. Died Sept. 20, 1691.

Thomas Griggs, came to Roxbury in 1639 with wife Mary. Died May 23, 1646.

Mr. Thomas Dudley, second Governor of Massachusetts, was born in Northampton, England, in 1576. At the age of fifty years, with others, he undertook the settlement of the Massachusetts Bay Colony and came over with the charter as Deputy Governor in 1630, settling first at Newtowne, then at Ipswich, and came to Roxbury about 1639. He was Governor in 1634, 1640, 1645, 1650, and Deputy Governor or Assistant the intervening years. In 1644 he was chosen Sergeant-Major-General, the highest military office in the colonies. As Governor of Massachusetts he signed the charter of Harvard College and was a directing mind in its affairs. He was a liberal patron of the Free Schoole in Roxbury. He married (1) Dorothy ———, (2) Catherine Hackburn (Hagbourne). He died in Roxbury, July 31, 1653.

M^{RIS} Dorothy Dudley, wife of Mr. Thomas Dudley.

John Trumbell, came to Roxbury in 1639. Freeman May 13, 1640. Removed to Rowley.

Gowen Anderson. Freeman May 13, 1640. An original donor of the Free Schoole in Roxbury. Removed to Boston.

———, Wife of Gowen Anderson.

Robert Pepper, a man servant, m. Eliza Johnson. Freeman May 10, 1643. An original donor of the Free Schoole. Given leave to brew and sell penny beare and cakes and white bread. Died July 7, 1685, "an old X^{istian}."

Elizabeth Pepper, wife of Robert Pepper.

John Hall. Freeman May 13, 1640. Removed to Conn.

John Bowles, see Ruling Elders, Second Meeting House.

Dorothy Bowles, wife of John Bowles.

Thomas Bumstead, came to Roxbury July, 1640, with wife Susanna. Dismissed to Boston.

Susanna Bumstead, wife of Thomas Bumstead.

Margaret Cheney, wife of William Cheney.

Allis ———, a maide servant.

John Mays (May), came to Roxbury with wife Sarah about 1640. Freeman June 2, 1641. An original donor of the Free Schoole. Died April 28, 1670, aged 80 years.

Sarah Mays, wife of John Mays.

Lewis Jones, came to Roxbury with wife Ann about 1640. An original donor of the Free Schoole. Removed to Watertown.

Ann Jones, wife of Lewis Jones.

Richard Woody, came to Roxbury with wife Ann about 1640. Freeman May 18, 1642. Died Dec. 7, 1658.

Ann Woddy, (Woody), wife of Richard Woody.

James Morgan, came to Roxbury in 1640, m. Margery Hill. Freeman May 10, 1643. An original donor of the Free Schoole. Removed to New London.

William Lewis, was in Roxbury with wife Amy (Weld), Dec., 1640. Freeman May 18, 1642. An original donor of the Free Schoole. Removed to Lancaster.

Amy Lewis, wife of William Lewis.

John Woody, m. Mary Coggin. Died May 23, 1650.

Thomas Gardner, was living in Brookline July, 1641. m. Lucy Smith. Freeman May 6, 1646. Died July 15, 1689.

(Lucy) Gardner, wife of Thomas Gardner.

Edward Dennison, was in Roxbury before 1637, as he was disarmed that year as follower of Ann Hutchinson. m. Elizabeth Weld. Freeman May 10, 1648, with prefix of Respect. Selectman and chosen first town clerk. Deputy 1652 and 1655. Died April 26, 1668.

Jane Stebbins, wife of Martin Stebbins.

Widdow Gardner, wife of (Thomas) Gardner, senior.

John Matthews, was in Roxbury with his wife July, 1641. Freeman May 18, 1642.

———, Wife of John Matthews.

THOMAS BAKER, miller, was in Roxbury with wife Elizabeth Oct. 1641. Freeman 1649. "Jan. 30, 1683/4 Old blind godly father Baker buried."

ELIZABETH BAKER, wife of Thomas Baker.

HUGH PRICHARD, recommended from the church at Cape Ann, was in Roxbury with wife Eleanor Dec., 1641. Freeman May 18, 1642. Art. Co. 1643. Selectman. Deputy 1643, '44 and '49. An original donor of the Free Schoole. Returned to England about 1650.

ELEANOR PRICHARD, wife of Hugh Prichard.

MARY SCARBOROUGH, wife of John Scarborough.

BRIDGET DENNISON, wife of George Dennison.

MARY JORDAN, a maide servant.

MARY TURNER, a maide servant.

MARY Gorton, wife of John Gorton.

JONET STARKWEATHER, wife of Robert Starkweather.

GRACE NEWELL, daughter of Abraham Newell.

SARAH ———, maide servant of brother Park.

EDMUND SHEFFIELD, came to Roxbury in 1641. m. Mary Woody. Freeman 1644. Dismissed to church at Braintree.

THOMAS ROBERTS, m. Eunice ———. Art. Co. 1644. Freeman 1645. Removed to Boston.

PHILIP TORIE (Torrey), from Combe St. Nicholas, Co. Somerset, Eng. Freeman May 29, 1644. m. Mary, widow of John Scarborough, died in 1686.

RICHARD WOODY, JR., soapboiler. Freeman May 29, 1644. m. Frances Dexter. Removed to Boston.

JOANE ATKINS, maide servant of Mr. Prichard, married one Smith. Dismissed to Malden.

HANNAH ROE, maide servant of Mr. Gore.

ELIZABETH WILLIAMS, dau. of John Williams.

ROBERT HARRIS, first settled in Roxbury, afterwards removed to Muddy River where he was living in 1643. m. Elizabeth Boughey. Freeman May 22, 1650.

GEORGE BRAND, baker, was in Roxbury July, 1643. m. Martha Heath. Freeman May 22, 1650.

SAMUEL WILLIAMS, see Ruling Elders, Second Meeting House.

EDWARD WHITE was in Roxbury with his wife in 1643. Freeman May 26, 1647. An original donor of the Free Schoole.

WILLIAM FRANKLIN, joined the church, Feb. 1643/4, and a month later was excommunicated.

Henry Farnham, joiner. Freeman May, 1645. Removed to Long Island, New York.

John Stebbin, bisket baker, was in Roxbury April, 1644. m. Ann Munke. Freeman May 26, 1647. Died Dec. 4, 1681.

Ann Stebbin, wife of John Stebbin.

Gerrard Bourne, a member of Boston and living at Muddy River, was here received in 1643 by communion of churches.

Daniel Gookin, was born in Ripple, Kent, in 1612, came with his father to Virginia in 1621 and to Boston in 1644. He was recommended to this church, and lived in Roxbury from 1645 to 1648 when he removed to Cambridge. He was the life long and valued friend of John Eliot, and his fellow worker among the Indians.

Ann Direton, a maide servant.

Elizabeth How, daughter of Abraham How.

Ann Brewer, daughter of Dan: Brewer.

Mary Paison, wife of Edward Paison.

Hannah Wilson, wife of Nathaniel Wilson.

Elizabeth Clark, wife of James Clark.

John Stonhard, was in Roxbury with his wife Aug. 1645. An original donor of the Free Schoole. Buried Aug. 15, 1649.

———,Wife of John Stonhard.

Mary Wise, wife of Joseph Wise.

Goodwife Farrow, joined in 1647.

Goodwife Reade.

Mary Heath.

Martha Medcalf.

Elizabeth Davis, wife of William Davis.

John Turner, was in Roxbury Sept., 1647, removed soon, probably to Medfield.

Thankfull Pearepoynt, wife of John Peirpoint.

Hannah Heath, daughter of William Heath.

March 1649 Mrs Barker a Gentlewoman that came from Barbados hither for the Gospells sake we found her not so well acquainted wth her own heart & the wayes & workings of Gods spirit in converting a sinner unto God, yet full of sweet affection, & we feared a little too confident, we received her not wth out feares & jealousyes.

Goodwife (Rebecca) Gardiner, wife of Peter Gardiner.

Goodwife Lyon, wife of William Lyon.

Goodwife Patchin, a poor old woman.

CHURCH MEMBERS

May 12, 1650. —

Samuel Danforth, recommended and dismissed from Cambridge Church and admitted here, our Pastor.

Mrs. Sarah Alcock, wife of Mr. John Alcock.

Elizabeth Denison, wife of Edward Denison.

Susanna Polly, wife of John Polly.

June 30, 1650. —

Mr. John Alcock, physician.

Hugh Thomas, gave his estate for the good of the Roxbury School. Died May 6, 1683.

John Polly.

Oct. 20, 1650. Hugh Roberts.

Nov. 17, 1650. John Perepont. See Ruling Elders, Second Meeting House.

June 15, 1651. Nicholas Williams.

Nov. 23, 1651. —

William Garee, farmer. See Deacons, Second Meeting House.

Isaac Heath.

March 23, 1651/2. Daniel Weld, recommended from Braintree church, was town clerk in 1654 and took so much interest in the schoole, of which he was master, that in 1659 the General Court rewarded him with 200 acres of land. Died July 22, 1666, aged 81.

3 m. 23 d. 1652. Peleg Heath.

4 m. 6 d. 1652. —

Sister Peake.

Sister Devotion.

4 m. 20 d. 1652. —

Joseph Grigs, lived in Muddy River, died in 1715, aged 90.

Lydia Eliot, dau. of Deacon Eliot.

2 m. 3 d. 1653. Abraham Newel, junior, a tailor.

4 m. 26 d. 1653. —

Susanna Heath, wife of Peleg Heath.

Hannah Garee, wife of William Garee.

Magdalen Bullard, a maide servant of Brother Williams, m. John Parrich of Medfield.

John Ruggles, junior, farmer, b. in Nazing, Eng., in 1625, came to Roxbury in 1635 with his uncle John Ruggles. Freeman May 3, 1654. m. Abigail Crafts. Sergeant of the military company. Buried Sept. 15, 1658.

11 m. 29 d. 1653.
Thomas Weld, son of Mr. Thomas Weld, sometime Pastor of this church. Selectman. Deputy, 1676 & 7. Greatly esteemed.
Margaret Weld, wife of John Welde.
Theodea Williams, wife of Samuel Williams.

3 m. 14 d. 1654. Abraham How, weaver.

3 m. 3 d. 1657. Goodman (Joseph) Griffin, fought in King Philip's war.

5 m. 19 d. 1657. —
Mrs. Rebecca Burrows, who came from Virginia yt she might enjoy God in his Ordin. in N. E.
Elizabeth Clark, wife of Hugh Clark, being dismissed from Watertown Church.

10 m. 20 d. 1657. Mris Huntley, wife of John Huntley.

2 m. 11 d. 1658. John Hanchet.

7 m. 12 d. 1658. Edward Morris, removed to Woodstock.

8 m. 17 d. 1658. John Maioh.

9 m. 14 d. 1658. John Watson.

9 m. 21 d. 1658. Isaac Williams, removed to Newton.

11 m. 23 d. 1658. —
Mary Childe, wife of Benjamin Childe.
Mary Ruggles, wife of John Ruggles, Jr.,
Mary Heath, wife of Isaac Heath, Jr.
Mary Griggs, wife of John Griggs.
Martha Parkes, daughter of Deacon Parkes.

12 m. 13 d. 1658. Samuel Ruggles, farmer, m. (1) Hannah Fowle, (2) Ann Bright; d. Aug. 15, 1692. Lieut. of militia, selectman and Deputy.

3 m. 15 d. 1659. —
Samuel Mayes.
Sarah May, wife of John May.

3 m. 22 d. 1659. —
Bridget Davis, wife of Tobijah Davis.
Susanna Newell, wife of Abraham Newell, junior.
Grace Morris, wife of Edw. Morris.
Exercise Felton, a maid dismissed from Salem.

7 m. 11 d. 1659. Hugh Clarke, dismissed from Watertown.

12 m. 12 d. 1659. Elizabeth Bowen.

2 m. 29 d. 1660. —
Mrs. Mary Danforth, dismissed from Boston Church.
Mrs. Dorothie Welde, dismissed from Lynn.
Sarah May, an aged woman, dismissed from Dorchester.
Hannah Hopkins, dismissed from Dorchester.

3 m. 27 d. 1660. John Mayes, junior.
12 m. 3 d. 1660. Isaac Newell.
2 m. 7 d. 1661. —
Mary Griffin, wife of bro. Griffin.
Elizabeth Brewer, wife of Nathaniel Brewer.
7 m. 22 d. 1661. —
Hannah Ruggles, wife of Samuel Ruggles.
Anne Garee, wife of Nathl Garee.
Elizabeth Newell, wife of Isaac Newell.
Mary Watson, wife of John Watson, junior.
Sarah Peak, wife of Jonathan Peak.
Hanna Mayo, wife of John Mayo.
9 m. 24 d. 1661. —
Remember Palfrey, a maid servant, since wife of Peter Aspinwall.
Dorcas Watson, dau. of John Watson.
5 m. 6 d. 1662. —
Mrs. Sarah Eliot, wife of Mr. John Eliot, junior.
Eiizabeth Speare.
1 m. 22 d. 1662/3. —
John Bridge.
John More.
2 m. 5 d. 1663. —
Elizabeth Harris, wife of Robert Harris.
Rebecca Craft, wife of John Craft.
Martha Newell, wife of Jacob Newell.
Prudence Bridge, wife of John Bridge.
4 m. 7 d. 1663. —
Richard Meede.
Alice Davis, wife of William Davis.
Hanna Brewer, wife of Daniel Brewer.
2 m. 24 d. 1664. Thomas Woodward, dismissed from Boston.
12 m. 4 d. 1664. Sarah Frissel, wife of James Frissell.
1 m. 5 d. 1664/5. —
William Cheany.
Robert Hawes.
2 m. 12 d. 1665. —
John Chandler, first sexton, removed to Woodstock in 1686.
Jacob Newell.
3 m. 28 d. 1665. —
Mary Tyler, wife of Job Tyler, dismissed to Mendham.
Sarah Chamberline, wife of Richard Chamberline.
Elizabeth Chandler, wife of John Chandler.
Sarah Foster, wife of Thomas Foster.

4 m. 18 d. 1665. Thomas Foster.

6 m. 20 d. 1665. —
Edward Bugbey, an old man.
Maria Pierrepoint, wife of Robert Pierrepont.

7 m. 24 d. 1665. John Prentice, son to our sister Watson, brought by his father Valentine to N. E. in 1631. Blacksmith, removed to New London in 1652. Brought 6 of his children more than a hundred miles to be baptised in this church.

9 m. 5 d. 1665. —
William Lyons, fought in King Philip's war.
Samuel Craft, b. Dec. 12, 1637, m. Elizabeth Seaver, d. 1693. Freeman 1671, farmer and carpenter, held offices in the town, of selectman, tithing man and constable. Lieut. in military company.

9 m. 12 d. 1665. Benjamin Eliot, H. C. 1665, youngest son of Rev. John Eliot.

5 m. 1 d. 1666. John Gorton, an old man. Given leave to brew and sell penny beare and cakes and white bread.

5 m. 8 d. 1666. —
Mary Polly, wife of John Polly.
Desire-truth Acrees, wife of John Acrees

5 m. 22 d. 1666. Jacob Newell.

7 m. 23 d. 1666. —
——— More, wife of John More.
(Martha) Sharp, wife of John Sharp.
Elizabeth Buckmaster, wife of Joseph Buckmaster.

12 m. 1666. Timothy Stevens.

1 m. 24 d. 1666. —
Sarah Stevens, wife of Timothy Stevens.
Mary Marshcraft.

8 m. 20 d. 1667. Elizabeth Parker, wife of John Parker.

11 m. 26 d. 1667. Mary Boltstone.

11 m. 22 d. 1667–8. Elizabeth White, wife of John White, junior.

2 m. 5 d. 1668. Steven Williams, b. Nov. 8, 1640, m. Sarah Wise. Farmer.
Sarah Williams, wife of Steven Williams.

4 m. 28 d. 1668. James Clark, lived at Muddy River.

9 m. 22 d. 1668. —
Moses Craft, gave £2 towards building the Second Meeting House. Removed to Deerfield.
Rebecca Craft, wife of Moses Craft.

1 m. 21 d. 1668/9. Mary Johnson, wife of Nathaniel Johnson.

3 m. 30 d. 1669. Joanna Davies, grand child of Mr. Nicholas Parker.

6 m. 1 d. 1669. —
Mary Hemingway, wife of John Hemingway.
Joanna Hemingway, wife of Joshua Hemingway.

8 m. 10 d. 1669. ———, wife of Thomas Andrews.

12 m. 13 d. 1669. —
Mr. Joseph Dudley, son of Governor Thomas and Dorothy ——— Dudley, born Sept. 23, 1647, bap. 26, 7 m. 1647. H. C. 1665. Studied law. Admitted to this church to full communion Oct. 22, 1671. Freeman 1672. Deputy to the General Court, 1673 to 1675. An Assistant 1676 to 1685. President of New England 1685 and 1686 by a commission from King James II. President of the Council and Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, 1687 to 1689. Chief Justice of New York, 1691 and 1692. Deputy Governor of the Isle of Wight, England, from 1694 to 1702. Member of the British Parliament, and he finally closed his long official career as Governor of Massachusetts, 1702 to 1715. He promoted the interests of Harvard College and was most influential in giving to its constitution a permanent character. He was also a benefactor of the Free Schoole of Roxbury. He married Rebecca Tyng, and died in Roxbury, April 2, 1720.
Rebecca Dudley, wife of Mr. Joseph Dudley.
Mary Parker, daughter of Edmund Parker.

12 m. 20 d. 1669. Martha Clark, daughter of James Clark.

2 m. 3 d. 1670. Mary Lamb, wife of Caleb Lamb.

5 m. 17 d. 1670. Hanna White, wife of Joseph White.

7 m. 4 d. 1670. —
Mary Swan, wife of Thomas Swan.
———, dau. of sister Pitcher and wife of ——— Bugbee, dismissed from Dorchester.

8 m. 23 d. 1670. Patience Homes, wife of Nathaniel Homes.

10 m. 18 d. 1670. Decline Lamb, alias Smith.

11 m. 8 d. 1670. Deborah Tatman, wife of Jabez Tatman.

12 m. 19 d. 1670. —
Andrew Gardiner.
Sarah Gardiner, wife of Andrew Gardiner.
Sarah Cleaves, wife of William Cleaves.

2 m. 2 d. 1671. Susanna Bennet, wife of John Bennet.

2 m. 23 d. 1671. John Holdbroke, dismissed from Dorchester. Tanner.

2 m. 30 d. 1671. —
Elizabeth Whitney, daughter of Robert Harris.
Mary Davis, wife of John Davis.
Hanna Curtis, wife of Isaac Curtis.
Sarah, wife to ——— Sabin, dismissed to Rehoboth.

3 m. 11 d. 1671. Tho. Lyons.

5 m. 23 d. 1671. —
Mary Evans, wife of John Evans.
Edward Porter, Ann, his wife, his son William Porter, his daughter, Elizabeth Nash, Hanna Dinely, Mary Bennit & Deborah Porter were all dismissed to the third Church in Boston.

8 m. 29 d. 1671. Mary Goard, wife of Richard Goard.

1 m. 24 d. 1671/2. —
John Lyons.
Abigail Lyons, wife of John Lyons.
John Pason, see Deacons, Second Meeting House.
Bathsheba Pason, wife of John Pason.
Rebecca Curtis, wife of John Curtis.
Mary Bacon, wife of Thomas Bacon.
Hanna Seaver, wife of Shubal Seaver.
Abigail Clark, wife of John Clark.

2 m. 20 d. 1673. —
William Davies (Davis), emigrant ancestor. Died Dec. 9, 1683. Born in 1617 of an ancient Welsh fam. m. (1) Elizabeth ———; m. (2) Alice Thorpe; m. (3) Jane ———.
John Harris, lived in Muddy River.
Mary Harris, wife of John Harris.
Mary Denison.
Hanna Denison.
Sarah Denison.
Experience Pierpoint.
Mary Bowles.

2 m. 20 d. 1673. —
Abigail Heath.
Hanna Heath.

4 m. 8 d. 1673. —
Jane Davies, wife of William Davies.
Esther Woodward, wife of Thomas Woodward.
Mary Bacon, wife of Thomas Bacon.
Mary Parkes, a maid.

9 m. 23 d. 1673. Samuel Davis, dismissed to North-Hampton.

10 m. 21 d. 1673. Samuel Lyons, dismissed to Rowley.

11 m. 4 d. 1673. Nathaniel Brewer.

11 m. 25 d. 1673. Thomas Bacon.

12 m. 8 d. 1673. —
Margaret Mason, daughter of sister Denison.
Sarah Davis, wife of Joseph Davis.
Sarah Pason, daughter of Deacon Pason.

1 m. 8 d. 1673/4. Richard Woody with his sons Samuel & Richard & daughters Mary, Martha & Elizabeth were dismissed to the 3d Church in Boston.

1 m. 29 d. 1674. Joseph White, of Brookline.

2 m. 5 d. 1674. —
Shubal Seaver.
Caleb Seaver.

2 m. 12 d. 1674. Mr. George Burrows, was a minister, H. C. 1670, preaching in various places and finally became a victim to the witchcraft fanaticism in 1692.

2 m. 19 d. 1674. Susanna Bennett, dismissed to the hithermost Church in Boston.

3 m. 3 d. 1674. Joanna, wife to Robt Harwood, dismissed to the third Church in Boston.

3 m. 24 d. 1674. —
Nathaniel Seaver, farmer. Killed by the Indians at Sudbury.
Sarah Seaver, wife of Nathaniel Seaver.
Sarah Seaver, wife of Caleb Seaver.

6 m. 30 d. 1674. —
John Winchester, sen., lived in Muddy River.
Hanna Winchester, wife of John Winchester, sen.
John Winchester, jun., lived in Muddy River.
Joanna Winchester, wife of John Winchester, jun.
John Druse, removed to Newton.
Mary Druse, wife of John Druse.

The Second Meeting House

1674–1741

PASTORS

Rev. Mr. Nehemiah Walter
Rev. Mr. Thomas Walter

TEACHER

Rev. Mr. John Eliot

RULING ELDERS

John Bowles
John Peirpoynt Samuel Williams
John Bowles, Jr.

There is no mention of an Elder between 1660 and 1674, but the supposition is there was one or more.

DEACONS

William Parke Giles Paison
William Gary Samuel Scarborough John Paison, Sr.
John Mayo John May John Paison, Jr.
Edward Ruggles Samuel Gridley

PRECINCT CLERKS

Ebenezer Pierpont	elected Oct. 3, 1733
John Sumner	elected March 12, 1735/6
Joseph Williams	elected Feb. 20, 1738/9

PRECINCT TREASURERS

John Walley	elected Oct. 3, 1733
Deacon Edward Ruggles	elected March 12, 1735/6
Joseph Warren	elected March 20, 1737/8

PRECINCT COMMITTEES

or, as expressed on the records, a Committee to Manage the Precinct Affairs.

Elected Oct. 3, 1733.

Edward Dorr
John Walley Capt. Joseph Ruggles

Elected March 20, 1733/4

John Walley
John Sumner Col. Joseph Heath

Elected March 12, 1735/6

Capt. Joseph Ruggles
Ebenezer Pierpont John Sumner

Elected March 16, 1736/7

John Sumner
Capt. Joseph Ruggles Eleazer Williams

Elected March 12, 1738/9

Capt. Joseph Ruggles
Eleazer Williams Col. Joseph Heath

Elected March 10, 1739/40

Col. Joseph Heath
Col. Joshua Lamb Joseph Williams

SEXTONS

William Cleaves	chosen in 1669
Widow Cleaves	chosen in 1677
Widow Stevens (alias Cleaves)	chosen in 1678
Edmund Parker	chosen in 1680
John Ruggles, *secundus*	chosen in 1690

THE SECOND MEETING HOUSE

April 14, 1674, "the selectmen and the committee met at Sergt. Ruggles's and there toke account of the number of hands that were hired to help rare the nue meeting-house." To its construction the people of Muddy River (Brookline) contributed £104 5*s.* having no meeting house of their own and worshipped here until the organization of their own place of worship in 1717, one fifth part of the house being allotted to them, they contributing in that proportion £6 4*s.* towards the town's expenses. The list of contributors is as follows: Thomas Gardner, £10; John White, Jr., £10; Peter Aspinwall, £7; John Sharpe, Jr., £5; Thomas Boistan, £5; Richard Wolford, £1 10*s.*; Andrew Gardner, £5; Joseph White, £3; Moises Crafts, £2; Clement Corban, £1 10*s.*; John Evens, 15*s.*; John Accers, £1 10*s.*; John Winchester, £3; Robert Harrise, £4; John Harise, £2; Benjamin Child, £2; Denman Meriam, £1; John Clarke, £3; Edward Mills, 10*s.*; James Clarke, £1 10*s.*; Edward Devotion, £5; Henry Stevens, £5; John Parker, £1 10*s.*; Edward Kube, £1 10*s.*; Goodwife Keebe, 10*s.*; Mrs. Mather & James Rementon, £7; Thomas Woodward, 10*s.*; Goodman Winchester, £7; Samuel Dunkim, £1 10*s.*

They had a Raising and the bill of expenses and provisions was £20 15*s.* 10*d.* There was also £9 5*s.* to hands for etceras. Henry Stevens of Boston contributed £5 towards building this meeting house because some of his family worshipped here. The first meeting in the new house was

on November 15, 1674, only four days before the death of Rev. Mr. Danforth, Eliot's colleague. Concerning this event Eliot writes, "we first met and worshipped God in our new meeting house, but the l'd touched or thigh because yesterday my bro Danforth fell sick."

1674, 6 d., 10 m., is the first record of a sabbath school. "This day we restored a primitive practice for ye training up of our youth," and then reciting, "1st, that the male youth (in fitting season) stey, every sabbath, after morning exercise, and the elders examine their remembrance in every part of the catechism. 2d, that the female youth should also meet in one place and their elders examine their remembrance in the catechism, and whatever else may convene."

15 d. 10 m. 1674 a fast held at our church to humble ourselves under the mighty & awful hand of God, and to seek his favor and guidance of the church, for the healing of wounds & beautifying God's house, in all things defective or out of order. William Cleaves was the first sexton in charge of this meeting house and served until King Philip's war when he was killed in the Sudbury fight and his widow took his place. She married ..... Stevens within a year and continued the duties until 1680 when she was succeeded by Edmund Parker. She had been paid £3 for Ringing the Bell and sweeping the Metting House.

In 1678 it was agreed that "Scollers not to keep Scoole in the Meeting House without the consent of the town."

In 1680 Edmund Parker as sexton was to have thirty shillings of his three pound payd in money, from which it may be understood that the rest of his pay was in another form.

4 d. 7 m. 1681 sister Cleaves (alias Stevens) was publickly admonished for unseasonable entertaining and corrupting

other folks servants & children and hath corrupted Mr. Lambs neger.

In 1682 it was found necessary to enlarge the seating capacity, which had been in charge of the Elders and Deacons and Selectmen, by building a gallery, and a committee was appointed consisting of John Weld senior, Leftenant Samuel Ruggles and William Gery to joyne with the Selectmen in viewing the work and agreing with some workmen to do it as speedily as may be, provided that our brethren at Muddy River have information of the met'ing about it, and have liberty to send some person to joyne with the above said men in consulting and carrying on the aforesaid work, if they please. Also they were to consult as to the most convenient passage unto the Bell in the inside of the met'ing house and to provide for the same.

15 d. 4 m. 1684. On the admission into the church of several women these did orally confess, etc., & also gave in the substance of their confessions in writg, all which were publickly read yt day, & yei wr received into the full communion of the church by yt. gospel a act o renewing theere explicit covenant.

19 d. 9 m. 1685. Towards the end of this year some naughty person made and divulged a libel for which 3 were censured by civil authority. The church take notice of Six, who humbled themselves by publik confession & we have cause to hope yt. the full proceeding of discipline will doe more good yu theire sin hath done hurt.

Dec. 30, 1687, Edmund Parker was granted as usual for ringing the bell, etc., half money £3, but in the following January by reason of the failure of money the town altered the quality of the mony part to countrey pay and added ten shillings to it in the same species; for which (being three pounds and ten shillings in Countrey pay) sd. Parker cove-

nanted to officiated the yeare following. In December of the same year he was allowed thirty-two shillings and six pence income for the same services.

July 8, 1688, the Church voted that out of two persons, viz.: Mr. John Rogers and Mr. Nehemiah Walter, they would make their choice as God should direct for a standing help in the Dispensation of the word of God and in order to office.

July 15 the Church elected by papers and the Voice of God by the Church was for Mr. Walter and Sept. 9 the Church and congregation gave Mr. Nehemiah Walter a call to accept of office.

In the Dorchester records we read that on the 7 of Oct. 1688 was read a letter yt came from ye church at Rocksbery desiering ye church to send ther Elders & messengers to ye ordaining of Mr. Walters on ye 17 Instant the church appointed ye Elders & Deacon Capen & Deacon Preston for yt. work.

Oct. 17, 1688 Rev. Mr. Nehemiah Walter was ordained Pastor by the imposition of hands and prayer.

Judge Samuel Sewall thus speaks of this event in his Diary: "Ride in the Hackney Coach with Governor Bradstreet, his lady, Mrs. Willard, Mrs. Mercy Bradstreet, Josiah Willard, to Roxbury to the Ordination of Nehemiah Walter. Mr. Eliot, Allen, Willard, Danforth of Dorchester laid on hands. Mr. Eliot ordained. Mr. Allen gave the Right Hand of Fellowship. Mr. Walter gave the Blessing. Dined at Mr. Dudley's."

In 1689 the old bell being split and so rendered altogether useless or unserviceable in that state, it was voted to procure a new bell and Capt. Samuel Ruggles, Mr. Joshua Lamb, John Gore and Samuel Gore were chosen a committee to act on this matter and to dispose of the old bell toward the purchase thereof.

In 1690, as the congregation was becoming larger, and so making it necessary to enlarge the accommodations, it was granted to Joseph Weld Jun., Abiel Davis, Philip Searle, Joseph Warren, Richard Davis, Thomas Aspinwall, John Walworth and John Sharpe to have the backward seate in the lower front Galery in the Meeting house and liberty to make it according to their own minds, upon their own Cost and charge (not doing any damage to any other Seate), and to Enjoy the same to themselves and such as they shall see good to take in with them. At the same time John Ruggles, Secundus, for his services to the town in looking to the meeting house, was allowed £1.

In 1692 it was agreed that three men should be annually chosen for the seating of persons in the meeting house, one of which three men should be of Muddy River and chosen by the Inhabitants there, the other two to be Inhabitants of Roxbury, and to be annually chosen on the first Monday in March in each year, but this plan was not successful and in 1694 the duty was left to the Church officers and Selectmen of the Town until a better way could be found.

Hitherto the floor of the meeting house had been occupied by seats only, but in 1693 the first mention of pews occurs, when liberty was given to build pues around the meeting house except where the boys do sit, upon the charge of those who desire the same, to have consent of the committee, and this only to be granted to meet persons, for them to enjoy and they and their families to fill the pews or else the committee to do it for them, the use of this grant being to save room and not to lose it, but if any died the pews to return to the town and no one had the right to sell.

The locality of the pews were as follows: Behind Mrs. Denison's seat, and ranging with Mr. Walter's pew, was Palsgrave Alcock's. The remainder of that corner was

cut up into two pews, one for Jas. Bailey and one for Capt. Saunders, the one having the innermost to pass through the other. Capt. Timo. Stevens built his next the door at the South end on the right hand, and John Howard between that and the stairs to the women's gallery. Eben Pierpont's was on the right coming in at the front door, and Jos. Gardner's between that and the men's gallery stairs. Opposite those was Sam'l Ruggles. On the left of the North door was Edward Dor's and between that and the stairs to the men's gallery was Edward Weld's. John Gore's was by the pulpit stairs.

March 1695/6 it was voted that the upper galleries be lowered and any person might lower the upper gallery who would do it at his own cost.

In 1699 £3 allowed "by a close vote" to build a porch and several young men were given liberty to raise the hind seats in the North gallery at their own cost and charges, also the hind seat in the front gallery.

In 1703 the charge of building the Governor's pue was to be paid by the town and in the same year the turret was to be repaired. It seems that the intention to build pews in 1693/4 was not carried out, and the proposition was again brought up in 1705/6.

In March, 1707/8, two porches were to be built from the £10 18*s*. contributed for the redemption of certain captives but not improved for that use. Muddy River was to be consulted about it.

In 1706 a considerable number of people who lived in the westerly part of Roxbury commonly called Jamaica End found it inconvenient to attend worship in the First Church and prayed the General Court to be made a separate precinct, to be freed from taxes for the old parish, and for aid in building a meeting house. This was not granted.

On Feb. 7, 1711, they sent an humble address signed by thirty-two men to the Roxbury Town Meeting, with a sincere desire to give Christian satisfaction for any disorderly steps in their late proceedings. Their petition was acceded to so far as to constitute a new precinct. Eighteen members of the First Church were set off to form the Second Church.

There does not seem to be any evidence in the church records that anything was accomplished toward purchasing a new bell since the subject was first acted upon in 1689, until 1711 when the town took active measures and voted to procure a new one and gave orders to Mr. William Clarke concerning it, which are as follows:

ROXBURY the 16th of December, 1711.

Mr. William Clarke you being bound for England in Her Majesties Ship "Norwich" on board of which ship we have a cask of Bell mettle marked on one head W. C. and on the other 3 c 2.11 hereby consigned to yourself the Receipt for which you allso have. We desire you'l please to dispose of as follows:

On your arrival at Plimoth or Portsmouth if the "Norwich" proceed no farther towards London we desire you to Land it at either of these ports and if you can neither dispose of it there to good advantage nor have it new Runn at the usual price please to order it to be carried by land and when it arrives at London you'le please to procure a good sound Bell of 3 hundred weight at least by the disposal of our mettal and advancing what is proper on the different of Cast and uncast mettle or having our mettle new cast which done you'le please to pay for the casting thereof for which you have a Bill of Exchange of Ten pounds sterling on Mr. James Duglas merchant of London out of which take any of the above charges after which we desire you'le take the first safe opportunity either by any of the Queens ships or other good merchant ship with convoy bound to this place and ship it on board consigned to any of us allways taking care either to enter it at the Custom house as a ship Bell or in cask as other wrought mettal that it may be safe, and if after you have effected this matter we remain anything in your debt we shall see to the punctual payment thereof. We have nothing further to add, not doubting of your utmost care and good management we wish you a good voyage and safe return and remain your most humble and faithful servants.

WILLIAM DUDLEY
SAMUEL RUGGLES
JOHN MAYO.

In March, 1717, a committee, consisting of Mr. Edward Dorr, Mr. Jacob Pepper, Capt. Stephen Williams, Richard Hall, Sen., and Mr. Robert Calef, was chosen to seat persons in the meeting house and in order to meet the general desire they were to have respect to the age and estate of all in their seating of them.

Att a church meeting held the first day of March 1717/8 it was unanimously agreed and voted as follows:

1. That it was necessary to chuse some meet person for an assistant to our reverend pastor.

2. It was agreed and voted to chuse such assistant att the present meeting. Accordingly the votes being brought in and counted, every vote was for Mr. Thomas Walter, son of the reverend pastor.

3. The said church chose and appointed the deacons a committee to acquaint Mr. Walter herewith, and inform the inhabitants of the town in their next meeting with the church's doings, in order for their future proceeding.

"May 13, 1718. The town (having had legal warning) meet to chuse a representative, and to consider of a settlement for Mr. Thomas Walter. Voted that there should be sixty pounds raised for Mr. Walter, as encouragement to his settling among us."

Rev. Mr. Thomas Walter was ordained Pastor, Oct. 19, 1718.

At a meeting held Aug. 7, 1727, it was voted:

(1) That for the future it shall suffice to have the relations of such as are propounded for the communion read before the church only.

(2) Whereas there are or may be sundry persons among us Desirous of Church fellowship who cannot be Persuaded to make a Public Rotation and Really scruple the doing it off whose profession and Good conversation we may have such Testimony as in a Judgement of Charity to think them well qualified for the sacrament of the Lord Supper.

Resolved That if any Person who stands propounded to the communion of this church whose Profession is according to Godliness and of a blameless conversation that Really scruples the making Public Relation before the church in order to admission and shall signify such their scruple to the Rev. Pastor giving him at the same time such satisfaction as y^{t} he may Recommend

them to our communion in that case this church will not Insist upon the Public Rotations of such persons. But the Rev. Pastor may proceed to take ye Vote of the Church for their admission upon their Renewing the Covenant as usual.

In 1727/8 persons who have windows in their pues on the lower floor shall maintain the glass belonging to them and pews becoming vacant to be disposed of by the Society.

Paul Dudley, afterwards Chief Justice of Massachusetts, was a benefactor to this church as was his father before him, and Feb. 24, 1728/9, first showed his liberality by giving to the Deacons to take care of, the sum of Fifty pounds in money the Principal to be from time to time Let and kept out on good security and that the yearly interest was to be applied as follows, That at all times hereafter the Relict or widow of the minister of the church shall be entitled to the sole benefit of the yearly profits or Interest during her widdowhood and in case there be no such widow to be bestowed on any one, two or three (but no more) of the said church, that may stand in need thereof, from time to time at the discretion of the Deacons, taking his advice as long as he lived and after his decease the advice of the minister of the 2d Church for the time being. He wished so long as Mrs. Rebecca Walter, the widow of the late Rev. Mr. Thomas Walter, remained his widow that she should have twenty shillings per annum, being a part of the Interest. In case Madam Walter, the present pastor's wife, should survive her husband and her daughter-in-law remain likewise a widow he wished the mother to have two thirds and the daughter one third of the yearly profits.

It seems that the congregation was at times disturbed by noise the boys made, and in March, 1730, it was voted "That all Boys under the age of 14 years shall be restrained from going up into the Galleries in time of Public Worship."

The boys' seats had some years before been granted to members of the congregation to make them pews, but as nothing had evidently been accomplished, in 1732 Joseph Heath and his brother Samuel asked to have the committee, appointed for seating the Meeting house, directed to lay out their Father's right to a pew in that place adjoining Mr. Gore's Pew. At the same time Sarah Williams, Mary Shed, Elizabeth Williams, Elizabeth Craft and Hannah Ruggles were given permission to fit up the hind seat in the Womens' Front gallery to sit in.

In 1732 another benefactor to this church appeared in the person of Mrs. Dorothy Williams, wife of Samuel Williams, and formerly the wife of William Denison, late of Roxbury, gentleman, who in accordance with the will of her former husband, as she had been the sole legatee, raised the sum of Two hundred pounds by the sale of a piece of land in Roxbury which was part of the Real Estate of the said William Denison and also, as was expressed in the will, with the advice of Reverd Mr. Nehemiah Walter, and committed it to and lodged in the hands of John Mayo, cordwainer, John Payson and Edward Ruggles, yeomen, Deacons of the First Church of Christ in Roxbury and their successors in office to be by them or the major part of them let out upon good security at their discretion (but not in sums under Twenty pounds) and the annual income or yearly Interest to be applied for and towards the support and maintenance of the Reverd Mr. Nehemiah Walter, Pastor of the First Church, and the Reverd Mr. Ebenezer Thayer, Pastor of the Second Church in Roxbury, and their successors in the Pastoral office of the said churches (according to the present constitution of the churches in New England) in Proportion as follows: Three-quarter parts of the annual interest or income to be to and for the benefit of the Reverend Mr.

Nehemiah Walter for and during the term of his natural life and from and after his death to and for the benefit of his successors in the church and office aforesaid, the other quarter part to be to and for the benefit of the Reverend Mr. Ebenezer Thayer for and during the term of his natural life and his successors in the office aforesaid in the Second Church in Roxbury. The above gift was formerly accepted by Deacon John Payson and Deacon Edward Ruggles, Dec. 19, 1732.

The yearly expense for the support of the church was somewhat different each year. In 1736 £100 was voted for the pastor's rate, for the cost of procuring firewood for Mr. Walter (which was cut on the common until the supply gave out); ringing the bell and taking care of the meeting house £22, for procuring help for Mr. Walter in the work of the ministry £52, and £13 for other expenses. A Committee was appointed each year for many years to procure help for our Rev. Pastor.

In 1734 the precinct at the West End of the town levied a tax on several persons and estates in this precinct, so a committee, appointed for that purpose, were instructed to assert the line of this precinct and to take all due care to prevent the said persons being oppressed by obtaining a settlement of the line according to the bounds contained in the petition the inhabitants of the West End were set off by in 1706. This affair was finally adjusted the next year and the town was divided by a line showing who should be considered members of this church and who of the West End.

In March, 1736, the subject of building a new meeting house was first taken up and its position considered as to whether it should be built on the same spot as this one or between it and the house of Mr. Samuel Gridley somewhat north of this one. One of the spots suggested was between

Mr. Gridley's Barn and the West corner of his Orchard as near the fence as conveniently may be.

Honble Paul Dudley, Coll. Heath, Coll. Lamb, Mr. Shed, Capt. Ruggles, Mr. Eleazer Williams, Mr. Nathaniel Craft, Mr. Ebenezer Pierpont, Mr. Ebenezer Newel, John Sumner, Capt. Mayo, Mr. Isaac Curtis and Mr. Joseph Warren were chosen a committee to lay before the Precinct at their next meeting the Plan of a New Meeting House, also how and in what manner the said Building shall be effected, particularly the Dimentions of it, the Number of Pews to be in it with the Charge of the whole Building as near as they can judge and that they agree upon the Dimentions of the Pews and the value of them, as well those to be Built on the Floor as those to be Built in the Galleries, so as to reach in the whole the sum of One Thousand Pounds, and that they agree upon some just and equal method for the disposing of the pews.

The question was raised as to how the money to build a new meeting house might be obtained, and a committee consisting of Capt. Isaac Williams, Capt. Joseph Ruggles, Col. Joshua Lamb, Col. Joseph Heath, Mr. Eleazer Williams and Mr. Ebenezer Pierpont was chosen to present a subscription for that purpose.

It was finally decided that the New Meeting House should be built Northward of the Place where the Old Meeting House stands not exceeding Four Rods, and that it was to be 62 feet long, 42 feet wide, the Posts about 26 feet high, 38 pews on the floor, one tier of galleries and a Steeple at the West end. Number of pews to be built in Galleries shall not exceed 12 nor be under 8 at £10 each.

It was also decided that a Rate be made upon the Poles and Estates of the Inhabitants of the Precinct to Raise Eight Hundred Pounds and the subscriptions to be laid aside.

Then it was Proposed that no Pew or Pews be sold or

alienated by the persons that first have them, or their successors, without first making the offer thereof to the Precinct or the Committee, they Have or shall Chose for that Purpose giving at least one Month's Notice thereof, and in case the Precinct or their Committee will repay to such Person or Persons the Money Paid for such Pew they shall Have it to Dispose of to some other suitable Person as they shall see Meet; but in case the Precinct or their Committee Refuse the offer, then the owner or Proprietor of such Pew may Dispose of it at Pleasure. That the First Offer of the Pews be made to such Persons as are of Character and Substance, and who in probability may be judged likely to Support in good proportion the charge of the Ministry and Meeting House in the Precinct; and in case of any competition or Equality as to Persons or to Families, then Regard to be had to such Persons or Families or their Descendants as were among the Antient Worthy Families of this End of the Town who were Remarkable for their Character and Support of Religion among us. In case there should not appear a sufficient number of Persons and Families Qualified as afores[d] to take the Pews at such a Price as shall be set upon them, then the offer to be made to Such Persons as will Pay for them, Provided they are likewise persons of good Substance and likely to Contribute a good Proportion to the charge of the Ministry in time to come and are of good Reputation and Sober conversation. A Committee was chosen to Dispose of the Pews in the Method above noted and consisted of the Hon[ble] Judge Dudley, Joseph Heath, Esq., John Sumner, Mr. Ebenezer Pierpont, Maj. John Bowles, Esq., Mr. Shubael Seaver, Mr. Eleazer Williams, Mr. Samuel Williams, Mr. James Shed, Capt. Joseph Ruggles, Capt. Samuel Stevens, Mr. John Ruggles, Mr. Ebenezer Newell, Mr. William Cheany and Coll. Joshua Lamb.

It was also voted that Twelve Hundred Pounds be Raised by the Pews for the Building of the New Meeting House and also that seven Persons be chosen to effect the Business of Building, and they were to be Capt. Joseph Ruggles, Mr. Ebenezer Pierpont, John Sumner, Coll. Joseph Heath, Esq., Capt. Edward Dorr, Mr. James Shed and Mr. Samuel Gore. Capt. Dorr refused to serve and Mr. John Holbrook was appointed to serve in his Room. Capt. John Richardson was appointed on above committee in the Room of Mr. John Sumner who moved out of town. The above committee was given Power to Agree with One Person or more to Build it by the Great and not by Days Work. Also they were not to exceed the space of Three Years until the whole be Finished; this was cut down to two years from Feb. 1738/9. In March 1738/9 another attempt was made to have it built on the Northerly side of the Country Road near Deacon Sam'l Gridley's orchard but it was frustrated. Deacon John Payson (Jr.) was already set off to the West Precinct.

It had already been voted that Paul Dudley, Esq., have the Liberty of Purchasing the two feet more or less overplus of the Pews on the east side of the pulpit, he paying therefor in proportion to his Pew, and that the two feet more or less on the West side of the Pulpit shall be for the use of the Precinct. As it had all along been concluded that the Wall pews should have but six feet front each and it having been suggested that as they are Described in the plan there will be Some breakage in Some of the ranges of those pews which the Community Desire to have the advantage of, it was therefor voted that the proprietors in each range have liberty to Divide the same between them, except what was already granted to Judge Dudley, provided they should be obliged to pay to the precinct Treasurer, for the use of the Committee for building, a further sum in proportion to the several

prizes already set on their pews in each range respectively. And he that refuses so to oblige himself shall forfeit his part of said breakage to the rest of the proprietors in the same range. It was also decided that stairs going up into the galleries be made in the steeple and one porch of the meeting house, and that two pews be added on the floor in the corners formerly projected for the stairs. The pews were all Drawn except five in the galleries.

In April, 1740, the sum of £60 was voted to be raised to provide for a Raising Entertainment.

It was also voted that as soon as the cells of the new meeting house were framed that then the old house should be pulled down.

REV. MR. NEHEMIAH WALTER

Nehemiah Walter was the Son of worthy Parents, who originally came from Lancafhire in England. He had his Birth in Ireland fometime in December 1663. And there was initiated in Grammar-Learning at one of their beft Schools, where he diftinguifh'd himfelf by his Proficiency: particularly in the Latin Tongue, which by that Time he was 13 years old, he was fuch a Mafter of, as to be capable of readily converfing in it, which he often had Opportunity to do, with Popifh Scholars in his Neighbourhood, who had learnt to fpeak it rather more fluently, by Rote; and in his Difputes with them, he found it a fingular Advantage to him, that he had such frequent Occafion to tax them of falfe Grammar, and cou'd cite them to the Rule: which ferv'd to put them to the Blufh or at leaft bring them to a Paufe, and to give him Leafure to recollect his Thoughts.

Sometime in (or perhaps a little before) the Year 1680 when the Prevalence of Popery greatly threatned Ireland, his Father Mr. Thomas Walter removed thence, and came over to New England; bringing with him this his hopeful Son. Here he was firft put to learn a Trade: but it was foon found, his Genius lay quite another Way and inclined him wholly to Letters.

His Book was his Delight. Accordingly, with a View to perfect his School-Education, and prepare him for the College, he was committed to the Care of the famous Mr. Cheever, then Mafter of the Publick Grammar School in Bofton; who, upon a fhort Examination and Experiment, return'd him to his Father, with a great Encomium, pronouncing him already ftock'd with Claffick Learning, and abundantly furnifh'd to enter upon Academical Studies.

In the 17th Year of his Age, he was admitted into Harvard College, A.D. 1680, when the very learned Mr. Oakes was Prefident, and Mr. Daniel Gookin and Mr. Samuel Andrews, Fellows: though the former of thefe soon removing, waf fucceeded by Mr. John Cotton, afterwards Minifter of Hampton; who always mention'd Mr. Walter's Name with peculiar Affection and Refpect, and wou'd frequently take occafion to fpeak of his fingular Progrefs in Learning while a Student at Cambridge, with much Applaufe.

Anno 1684, he commenc'd Batchelor of Arts; and Mafter in 1687. In the Interim, Mr. Nelson, a noted Merchant in Bofton, who had a great Intereft and Trade with the French at Port Royal (now Annapolis) in Nova Scotia, made him the Offer of a Voyage with him thither, in order to learn their Language; which Invitation he gratefully accepted. And the more fpeedily to effect his Defign, prefently on his Arrival he retired from the Fort, that he might be out of all Englifh Converfation, and fojourn'd for feveral Months in a private Gentleman's Family at a Diftance, where he could hear nothing fpoken but in the Language he was aiming to acquire. It was a fober and (in the Romifh way) a religious Family: the Heads of which he was wont to fpeak of with great Gratitude for their handfom Treatment of him, and to expreſs his charitable Hopes concerning them, as really pious, upon the Obfervations he had made of them. — After paffing a few Months there, he return'd very much a Mafter of the Language; in which he afterwards more fully perfected himfelf by reading of French Authors, and by frequently conferring with fome Proteftant Refugees of that Nation; a fmall Affembly of whom fubfifted for many years (and till very lately) at Bofton, to which in the Abfence of their Paftor, he has fometimes preached, in their own Tongue, to their Edification; though at the fame Time he declin'd

praying with them in it, perhaps from a modeſt Sufpicion of his own Sufficiency for doing this either extempore or memoriter, and not chuſing to read a written Form.—But he was certainly able to diſcourſe very promptly in the French Language, and good Judges have ſaid, with great Propriety. His Knowledge of that Tongue he accounted a vaſt Privilege, which he frequently mentioned with Thankfulneſs to God; particularly as it gave him the Opportunity of conſulting many valuable inſtructive Books, that otherwiſe he muſt have been unacquainted with: and accordingly his well-furniſh'd Library conſiſted, in great Part, of Proteſtant Authors in the French Language; among whom thoſe famous Divines, Meſſieurs Claude and Placett were ſingularly valu'd by him.

Returned from his Travels, he purſued his Studies at College, for ſeveral Years with cloſe Application; diſcovering a laudable Thirſt after Increaſe in all uſeful Literature, and giving Proofs of his Induſtry and Ingenuity, by his exemplary Proficience in the liberal Arts and Sciences. — He had a great Command of the Latin Tongue, became a Critick in the Greek, and had a good Inſight into the Hebrew: attain'd to a conſiderable Acquaintance with Philoſophical Inquiries; and in ſhort, poſſeſs'd a happy Fund both of human and divine Learning. — He was indeed much of a Humaniſt; though Divinity rather was his Favourite Study. He bore ſo ſuperior a Figure among the Scholars of his Day, that in their Debates upon any Point, whether Philological, or Theological, ſtill He was appeal'd to, and his Opinion was wont to be generally deciſive. — It reflected a Luſtre on his Character, that the memorable Mr. Elijah Corlet, Maſter of the Grammar School in Cambridge, uſed to expreſs a diſtinguiſhing Value for him, by employing him to officiate at Times in the Care of his School, when obliged to be abſent

An ELEGIACK VERSE,

On the Death

Of the *Learn* and *Profound* GRAMMARIAN and RHETORICIAN,

Mr. *ELIJAH CORLET*

SCHOOL-MASTER of *CAMBRIDGE*, Who *Deceased* Anno *Ætatis* 77. *Feb.* 24. 1687.

ON *Roman* Feet my Humbling *Muse* declines
To walk unto his Grave, left by her Fall
She trefpafs, in accofting of his Head
With undeferved breach. In jingling *Rythme*
She thinks it not convenient to Dance
Upon his Sacred Herfe: but *mournful* Steps
It Metrically order'd, fhe computes
The moft becoming of this Tragick Scene.

Could Heav'ns *ignifie Ball* (whofe boundleſs Womb
Millions of flaming *Ætna*'s does ingulf)
From Candle's dull and oleaginous
Transfufed Beams, a glowing *Atom* draw,
Which might a fuper-added Luſtre give
Unto his conick Rayes; then might our Verſe
Swell with impregnant *hoyſter* bringing forth
Some rich Diſplay of *Corlet*'s Vertues rare:
But this *Herculean* Labour fore'd we deem
Not feeond to *Impoſſibilities*.
This preſſes hard our tim'rous heart whence flows
A Torrent of amazing Fears, whofe *Waves*
Bode Univerſal *Deluge* to that Verſe
That dares pretend to equalize his *Fame*.
Creep then, poor *Rythmes*, and like a *timid Hare*
Encircle his rich Vault, then gently *ſquatt*
Upon his Grave the Center there proclaim
Tho' he *ſubſide*, yet his abounding Worth
Does infinitely *ſuperſede* thy *Layes*.

Tell to the World what Dowries Nature ſhow'd
Into his large capacious Soul; almoſt
Profuſe in large Donations; yet kind Art
Still adds unto the More, ſtriving to reach
Perfection's Top, during a *mortal* ſtate.
Sagacious Nature, provident that nought
Of her diſpenſed bounty fruſtrate prove,
Boyls up this *Font* of *Learning* to an head,
Which over-topping of its Banks ſhe glides
Through Nature's *Conduit-pipes* into the Soil
Of tender *Youth*, which gaping ſucks it in,
Like thirſty *Stars* Bright *Thebar*'s liquid *light*.
A *Maſter of his Trade*, whole Art could *ſquare*
Pillars of rooted *ſtrength* whoſe ſhoulders might
A Common Wealth uphold. *Abolish*-like
Divinely quatin'd with curious Skill
To carve out *Temple* work, and cloath the *Prieſt*
With ſacred Robes, adapted for the Uſe
Of Functions ſo divine.——
Rivers of *Eloquence* like *Nectar* flow'd
From his Vaſt Ocean, where a *Tully* might
Surfeit with draughts of *Roman* Eloquence.
Immortal *Oakes* (whoſe *golden mouth* ne're blew
A blaſt defil'd with indigeſted Speech)
Subpelling his own parts, rarely pronounc'd
His *Ciceronean* lines, until they touch'd
This *Lydius Lapis* Oh! ELIAS then approv'd
Thev're *Eloquence proof* effected, and challeng'd
The *Roman* Tribe of Orators to ſpend
Their learn'dſt, and pictur their *Eagle's* Eyes
Into their very bottom.——
Had *Grecian* Dialect and *Roman* Tongue
Surviv'd this Age within their native Soyl,
Endleſs had been their Feud; *Athens* and *Rome*
Had ſet their *Tully*'s and *Demoſthenes* to fight
With Swords brandiſh'd with ſhining *Eloquence*
For to decide the Controverſie, and prove
To whom by right Great CORLET did pertain.
This proving unſucceſsful, nought can quench
Their flaming zeal, ſave by (*Colſus* like)
Erecting his large Statue, whoſe proud feet
Might fix their Station on the Pinacles
Of each of theſe *Metropoles* of Art.
Nor were his Parts excluſive of his *Zeal*
In ſerving his rich Donor. No Serpent
Bearing a fulgent Jewel in his Creſt,
While curſed Poiſon ſteeps his venom'd heart,
But *Grace* the Crown of all ſhone like a Sun
Fix'r in the Center of that *Microcoſm*.
Blown to the full, perfum'd with ſacred ſmell,
This flower *Heaven* pluckt. When *Nature* ſaw
Too feeble grown to bear ſuch ponderous fruit
Elijah's Chariot born on *Seraphs* wings,
Mounts with this Treaſure to the port of *Bliſs*.

Sic vivebat cecinit

NEHEMIAH WALTER.

THE CORLET ELEGY.

himſelf; always eſteeming his Place well ſupply'd by Mr. Walter, and fully confiding in his Skill, Prudence and Diligence. And on Mr. Corlet's Death (Anno 1687 Aet. 77) Mr. Walter, to expreſs his Gratitude and Honour to the Memory of ſo deſerving a Perſon, publiſh'd an Elegy done in blank Engliſh Verſe; beginning with a modeſt Apology for its appearing in that Form, and in that Language. — Mr. Stone, the late worthy and aged Paſtor of Harwich, having made his chief Progreſs in School Learning under that very excellent Divine, the Rev. Mr. Nehemiah Hobart of Newtown, had his laſt Preparation for the College by Mr. Walter; whom he daily attended at his Chamber in Cambridge, travelling thither on Foot every Morning, though above a Mile from his Father's Houſe; and for whom he ever maintained a very high Eſteem.

Mr. Walter early began to acquaint himſelf with Church Hiſtory; in which he grew to be very well verſed: particularly in thoſe Branches of it referring to the firſt Ages of Chriſtianity, to the Romiſh Apoſtacy, and the Proteſtant Reformation. — He was well ſtudy'd too in the Popiſh Controverſies; in the Lutheran, and in the Arminian Controverſies; alſo in the Diſciplinary Diſputes among Proteſtants; — impartially reading the Controverſial Writings on all Sides, and weighing their ſeveral Arguments with his beſt Skill. Particularly he took this Method to ſettle his Judgment in the Epiſcopal and Preſbyterian Controverſies (or thoſe between the Church and Diſſenters in England, and between Preſbyterians and Congregationals) conſulting the moſt eminent Writers on each Side of the Queſtion: and after much Deliberation, he fell in with the way of the Churches in New England as thinking their Conſtitution and Practice in general, with reſpect to Worſhip, Diſcipline and Order, moſt conformable to Goſpel-Inſtitution and primitive Practice, as well as to the

Principles of the Reformation, refpecting the Rights of Confcience and private Judgment, the Perfection and Obligation of the Scripture-Rule and the Supremacy of Chrift as fole Head of the Church. Accordingly, he was firmly attached to the Congregational way: but ftill preferved a Candour for pious People of a different Perfuafion; and indeed was fometimes ready to think, that certain Modalities in Religion, wherein Proteftants vary from one another, had an immoderate Strefs laid upon them.

With him the holy Scriptures were the Teft of Orthodoxy and Meafure of Truth. He took the Word of Chrift for the Guide of his Thoughts in Religion, and from thence form'd his Sentiments upon the feveral Doctrines, which have been the Subjects of fo many warm Controverfies in the Church from Age to Age. — He had a Reverence for the Memory of many of the primitive Fathers, and had a juft Value for their Writings: but an equal Refpect for many of the Divines of the Reformation, and in Truth to thefe he rather gave the Preference in his Judgment, on fome Accounts. He had a peculiar Efteem for the famous Calvin, among the firft Reformers; and among the more modern Englifh Divines, he had a diftinguifhing Value for the learned Dr. Owen, and for the great Mr. Howe, whom he feem'd in fome Regards to prefer above all: Though at the fame Time he ufed to expreſs an Affection and Refpect for many others as Dr. Bates, Mr. Charnock, Mr. Flavel, Mr. Richard Taylor, &c. He very much approved the Aſſembly of Divines Confeſſion of Faith, and Catechiſms; and in particular greatly priz'd the Aſſembly's ſhorter Catechiſm. However, ſtill he had not ſo learned Chriſt, as to take any Man or Sett of Men for his Standard, and to ſubject his Faith to any Scheme of Divinity, or his Conſcience to any Model of Religion, whatever, of meer human Contrivance. No; but Divine Revela-

tion, as it is contain'd in the ſacred Scriptures, was what he repair'd to as the Fountain of Theological Truth, and made that the only Rule of his Judgment, in Matters of Faith and Worſhip; ever eſteeming that a Rule ſufficient, obliging, and limiting, both as to Principles and Practices in Religion. Guided by the Light of Scripture, he embraced thoſe great and important Doctrines of the Reformation; the ſame that are contain'd in the 39 Articles of the Church of England, and the ſame that have been commonly profeſs'd and preach'd in the Churches of New England. — Neverthelefs he carefully avoided all Extreams; and in particular, equally oppoſed Arminianiſm on the one Hand, and Antinomianiſm on the other, always wiſhing the Churches and Miniſtry of New England might be exempted from both: Yet he would ſpeak charitably of ſome Divines, that leaned to either of the Extreams, and always took Care to preſerve a Diſtinction between Perſons and Opinions; being very ſparing in his Cenſures upon the former while he readily bore his Teſtimony againſt the latter.

With ſuch a happy Temper and Furniture of Mind, with a Judgment thus poiz'd and fixed, and with an eſtabliſh'd Character of Piety, he at firſt ſet out in the World as a Candidate for the Miniſtry; his Pulpit Performances meeting with uncommon Acceptance. — There ſeems to have been a ſpecial Interpoſition of divine Providence, in his firſt Introduction into Roxbury Pulpit; which perhaps may be worth relating. And it was thus, as the Fact lies in the Memory of one of us, that heard the Account of it long ſince. — Mr. Walter had entertain'd Thoughts of travelling abroad; it's ſuppoſed, with a View partly to making further Improvements in Knowledge; and had actually beſpoke his Paſſage in a Ship for Ireland, or England. But it ſo happen'd in Providence, that when the Veſſel only waited for a Wind, he

on a Saturday Afternoon receiv'd a Meſſage from Roxbury deſiring of him a Sermon on the Morrow. Accordingly, he then went, and preach'd there (as it was ſaid) for the firſt Time; greatly to the Satisfaction, both of Miniſter and People. They had for a conſiderable while been ſeeking a Colleague for their aged Paſtor, the famous and venerable Mr. John Eliot (the ſame who has uſually been celebrated as the American Apoſtle) and among ſeveral very worthy Candidates, whom they had often heard, their Inclinations were ſo divided, as to retard their Proceedings. But upon hearing Mr. Walter, they were inſtantly very much united in him, and haſt'ned to invite him to conſtant Preaching among them, with a Proſpect of Settlement in due Time; which, it was ſaid, occaſion'd the putting off his intended Voyage. The good old Miniſter was ſo charm'd with this young Gentleman's Preaching, that on the firſt Day of hearing him, he ſtay'd the Church after Evening Service, and was for putting it immediately to Vote, whether they would give him a Call. But the Honble Joſeph Dudley, Esq. (afterwards Governor) then preſent, notwithſtanding he had conceiv'd a high Opinion of Mr. Walter, yet appeared in oppoſition to ſo ſudden a Motion, and perſuaded Mr. Eliot to defer it for a while. — After a ſhort Delay, he receiv'd an unanimous Call; the Brethren of the Church making their Choice on Lord's Day July 15. 1688 and the Inhabitants of the Town, in publick Aſſembly, on Lord's Day, Sept. 9. approving and confirming it. Mr. Walter upon the Call given him, though it was then a dark and threatning Seaſon, in the Reign of K. James II, a profeſs'd Papiſt, and in the Adminiſtration of Sir Edmund Andross, Governor of New England, a Tool of the Court, and grievouſly tyrannizing over the poor People here, yet had the Courage to enter into the Miniſtry, at ſuch a critical

Juncture, and devote himſelf to the Service of Chriſt in theſe Churches.

On Wedneſday, October 17. 1688 (in the 25th Year of his Age) he was publickly and ſolemnly ordained, with the laying on of the Hands of the Preſbytery. Mr. Walter himſelf (purſuant to the former Uſage among us) preached the Sermon on that Occaſion; which was from 2 Cor. iv. 7, But we have this Treaſure in earthen Veſſels that the Excellency of the Power may be of God, and not of us. — Mr. Eliot (then in his 84th Year) preſided in his Ordination and gave the Charge. And though a Diſtinction was wont to be made between the Characters of Paſtor and Teacher when two Miniſters were together in the ſame Church (one of them being ordain'd under the former Name, and the other under the latter) Mr. Eliot notwithſtanding ſaw fit to join both Names or Characters in Mr. Walter's Ordination. And on their Return from the Solemnity, he took Occaſion pleaſantly to ſay to Mr. Walter, — "Brother, I've ordain'd you a Teaching Paſtor: but don't be proud of it; for I always ordain my Indians ſo."

After this, Mr. Eliot did not long ſurvive: for on the 20th of May 1690, he died; having been Miniſter of Roxbury from Sept. 1632. and being worn out with Age, and with abundant Labours, in the Service of Chriſt and Souls, as well among the Indians as Engliſh. But it was a great Satisfaction to him, that he ſaw his People, before his Death, ſo peaceably and happily ſettled under Mr. Walter's Miniſtry. And it is well known, how for the Year or two they were together, Mr. Walter ſerved in the Goſpel with his venerable Colleague, even as a Son with a Father, full of filial Duty and Affection; and what a vaſt Eſteem and Parental Love that ancient Gentleman had for his Young Colleague, how he honoured him before his People, and almoſt intirely devolv'd upon

him all publick Offices of the Miniſtry, from a Senſe of his ſuperior Abilities. Mr. Eliot wou'd often make the Remark, that well beaten Oil was required for the Service of the Sanctuary; and to that, he uſed to compare Mr. Walter's Sermons. He would therefore ſeldom preach; that ſo he might not hinder his People from the Benefit of his deſirable Colleague's Labours, and might himſelf enjoy the Privilege of hearing him. This we find taken Notice of in the Memoirs of Mr. Eliot's Life, written above fifty Years ago, by the late very excellent Dr. Cotton Mather; where we have the Pleaſure of ſeeing Mr. Walter thus characteriſed: — "A Perſon young in Years, but old in Diſcretion, Gravity and Experience; and one, whom the Church of Roxbury hopes to find a Paſtor after God's own Heart." It follows, "Who being, by the unanimous Vote and Choice of the Church there, become the Paſtor of Roxbury, immediately found the venerable Eliot embracing and cheriſhing of him, with the tender Affections of a Father. The good old Man, like Aaron, as it were diſrobed himſelf, with an unſpeakable Satisfaction, when he beheld his Garments ſpread upon a Son ſo dear to him. After this, he for a Year or two before his Tranſlation, cou'd ſcarce be perſuaded unto any publick Service; but humbly pleaded, It would be a Wrong to the Souls of the People, for him to do any Thing among them, when they were ſupply'd ſo much to their Advantage, otherwiſe." — And it's ſaid the good old Gentleman, when he preach'd at any Time in the Morning would excuse the Meanneſs and Brokenneſs (as he called it) of his Performance, but would conclude with ſaying, "My dear Brother here will by'n'by mend all." —

Thus, Mr. Walter gave early Preſages of his future Eminence; and he has all along, from Youth to advanced Age, ſhewed himself a Workman that needed not to be aſhamed; a burning and ſhining Light, both in the Pulpit and out of it;

and through a long Life, abundantly anſwering the high Expectations he had raiſed in his younger Days. — He was Owner of all the valuable Qualifications, intellectual and moral, neceſſary to conſtitute an eminent Character, whether as a Chriſtian, or a Divine.

He certainly exhibited a bright Example of perſonal Holineſs; which is of the firſt Conſideration, and the grand Requiſite in the Chriſtian Profeſſor, much more in the Chriſtian Miniſter. He gave very convincing Evidences of vital Experience in Religion, to a high Degree. He liv'd the Chriſtianity he preach'd; ſhewing his Faith by his Works, and having his Fruit unto Holineſs, in all its various Exerciſes. He was moſt exemplary for Hatred of every Sin; and an Inſtance of the correcteſt Morals appear'd ever devoted to the Service and Honour of Chriſt; expreſs'd a deep Concern for the Advancement of his Kingdom and Intereſt; manifeſted an ardent Love to God, and warm Benevolence to Men; a great Mortification to the World, and Abſtraction from earthly Concerns; an habitual Equanimity, and Contentment with his outward Condition; Reſignation in Adverſity, and Moderation in Proſperity; Freedom from Envy at others riſing Reputation, or flouriſhing Circumſtances, and from all undue Elation with the pecular Reſpects univerſally paid to himſelf; was remarkable for his domeſtick Tenderneſs, and Endearingneſs towards his People; for his Humility and Modeſty, which made him decline ſome publick Honours that were offer'd him, and very much to avoid publick Appearances; was remarkable for an habitual, conſtant Serioufneſs, Solidity, Veracity and Uprightneſs; was ſtrictly temperate, exactly juſt, and exceeding conſcientious in all his Ways; was moſt apparently ſpiritually minded, and of a heavenly Converſation; walking by Faith, not by Sight; and adding to his Faith, Fortitude. For,

though he was low of Stature, and had a thin and feeble Body, as well as a low and weak Voice; yet he poſſeſs'd a great Soul, had a ſingular animal Vivacity, with a good Meaſure of natural Firmneſs and Courage, which being ſanctify'd, were of Advantage to him, when call'd to appear in the Cauſe of God our Saviour. He had a Zeal of God, and this according to Knowledge; being happily temper'd with Meekneſs, Lenity, and Charity, govern'd by Prudence, and recommended by a viſible Sincerity and Lowlineſs of Heart. — He was of a moſt ingenuous Spirit, abounding in Candour; was a candid Diſputant, a candid Hearer of Sermons, a candid Interpreter of others Words and Actions; exceeding diſtant from all Cenſorioufneſs and Detraction, from all Bitterneſs and Acrimony; yet was a faithful Friend, and knew not to give flattering Titles, nor uſed he flattering Words, or airy Compliments. Very reſpectful was he to his Superiours, though ſervilely obſequious to none; full of Condeſcenſion to his Inferiours; and in Honour preferring his Equals. He was of a moſt placid and pacifick Temper, never embroil'd himſelf in Controverſy, kept out of all Contention, and ever followed the Things that made for Peace. — He was very averſe to entangling himſelf in the Affairs of this Life; whatever Occaſions there might ſometimes be for it, as having a numerous Family, and an Income ſmall, comparatively. However, being ſuch a great Lover of Learning, he gave three of his Sons a liberal Education, by the Aſſiſtance of generous Friends, and at the Expence of ſome Self-denial at home. — He was inclined to live as retired, and to keep as much in his Study, as poſſible, for devotional, as well as literary Purpoſes; and his Work was almoſt his only Recreation. The Conſequence of this, his Friends thought to be Gain to them on ſome valuable Accounts, yet a Loſs to them by the Infrequency of his

defirable Vifits. Though he was but feldom abroad, in Company, and did not affect Abundance of it at home, yet was eafy of Accefs and receiv'd his Vifitors with much Courtefy and Affability. There was a vifible Sweetnefs, under all his Referve; and in Converfation, where he might ufe a Liberty without Danger of giving Offence, he was modeftly free and facetious, pleafant, and entertaining; always ingenious, always communicative and inftructive; but never loud and noify, nor over-talkative; never affuming, nor overbearing, nor indecently interrupting, in any Debate or Difcourfe: nay, rather flow to fpeak, as well as flow to wrath, but fwift to hear, and readier to attend to others, than to exert himfelf. Neither did he love Trifling and meer Amufement; but was always grave, in the midft of Chearfulnefs, and wou'd ever (if he might) be difcourfing on Topicks that were ferious, or important and profitable; or otherwife be filent. His Converfation turned much on the State of Learning, and what pafs'd in the letter'd World, but more efpecially on the State of Religion, in the profeffing World; or elfe on fome religious Subject, commonly fuch as he had lately been reading on; and wou'd often cite remarkable Paffages (efpecially from Authors in the French Language) which we were not fo likely to have met with. Indeed, above all, he lov'd to be talking of a glorious Christ, and the Grace of God in Him, of his Truths and Ways; the Affairs of his Kingdom here, and the Hope laid up for his People hereafter. — He ever bore upon his Heart the Concerns of the Chriftian Church, in general; but efpecially thofe Parts of it in Great-Britain, Ireland, France, and Germany; and was very inquifitive about the State of Things in them. Nothing, of that Nature, lay more on his Thoughts, or nearer his Heart, than the Safety and Profperity of the Proteftant Intereft. His Heart, like Eli's, trembled for this Ark of God; greatly

lamenting to hear of Degeneracy among Proteſtants, at home or abroad, whether in Principles or Manners; but equally rejoicing in well atteſted Informations of a Revival of pure and practical Religion any where. — He thankfully admir'd the Conduct of Providence in bringing about the Settlement of the Crown of Great-Britain in the illuſtrious Houſe of Hanover; and ſcarce ever made a Prayer, at leaſt, in Publick, but one of his moſt fervent Requeſts to God was for the Security of the Proteſtant Succeſſion to the British Throne.

Simeon's Character was his, a juſt Man and devout. He gave himſelf to Prayer, as well as to the Miniſtry of the Word. He appeared to have habitually much of the Spirit of Grace and Supplication, and to be much in the Practice of Ejaculatory Prayer. Beſides his ſtated Prayers in Private and in Publick, and other occaſional ones, particularly in his paſtoral Viſitations of the Sick, and at Funerals, Catechiſings, &c. he aſſociated with his People at their Family Meetings for religious Exerciſes, where he conſtantly made one of the Prayers, whoever preached, or read the Sermon. — And he always appear'd eminently qualify'd both with the Gift and the Grace of Prayer: nor is it eaſy to ſay, in which he ſeem'd moſt to excel. His Prayers were a continued Series of raiſed, but unaffected Devotion, filial Reverence and Confidence towards God, Faith in the Mediator, Self-Abaſement, Zeal for the Cauſe and Honour of Chriſt, Love to his Church and People, Aſpirations after ſpiritual Bleſſings in heavenly Places in Chriſt Jesus. — For the Matter of his Prayers, they were adjuſted to thoſe peculiar Doctrines of the Goſpel, which he ever contended ſo earneſtly for. And indeed it was a Maxim with him, that as thoſe Practices muſt be bad which one can't pray over, ſo thoſe Principles may well be ſuſpected, which cannot properly be turned into Prayer. This, he thought, look'd with an unfavourable Aſpect on the

Arminian Scheme, in particular: the Friends of which are wont to pray Calviniſtically, how differently ſoever they may preach. — And for the Manner of his Prayers, they were all in a very natural Method; appoſite to the Occaſion; expreſs'd in the eaſieſt and moſt proper Language; ſententious and conciſe; argumentative, and enliven'd with pertinent Scripture Pleas; utter'd with a ſubmiſs Voice, and with a Mein the ſerious, humble, affectionate; in the whole never prolix. There was this remarkable in his Prayers, that he frequently called on the Name of Jesus Christ our Lord, more directly and explicitly than is uſual. Particularly it was his conſtant Practice in the Adminiſtration of the Lord's Supper, to addreſs one of the Prayers to the Son of God; adoring his Divine Perſon; giving him the Glory of his Divine Excellencies manifeſted in the Works of Creation and Providence, but eſpecially in the aſtoniſhing Work of Redemption; acknowledging Him in his mediatorial Offices; celebrating his wondrous Love, in his Humiliation and Sufferings for his People; profeſſing Repentance for Sin, and Faith in the Blood of Christ, as the only and perfect Atonement for Sin, and in his prevalent Interceſſion, as our Advocate with the Father; profeſſing to embrace the Promiſes, as in him; renouncing all Sin, as againſt him; engaging to do all Duty, as unto him, in his Name; expreſſing a Dependence on him alone, for Righteouſneſs and Strength; and a Hope in his Power and Grace, as raiſed from the Dead, and exalted to be Prince and Saviour, Head of his univerſal Church of Men and Angels, and Head over all Things to the Church, which was now alſo commended to his ſpecial Care. — Another Thing we ſhall take Notice of, is, that as he never practiſed giving Characters of deceaſed Persons in Funeral Sermons, ſo his Prayers at the Houſe of Mourning were calculated to aſſiſt the Devotion of the Living, rather than to honour the Name

of the Dead. So averſe was he to Flattery, that he ſtudioufly avoided all Appearances of it, and all Approaches to it.— [For this Reaſon, in part, he declined preaching on a certain great and annual Occaſion, when chosen to do it.] — When he catechiſed the Children of his Flock, beſides praying with them, he was wont to give them a ſhort and familiar Lecture on ſome Part of the Aſſembly's Catechiſm: which Practice he continu'd ſo long as his Strength would well allow him.

As a Preacher, he was juſtly admired by all that heard him, and has been often recommended for a Pattern.

The Matter of his Preaching conſiſted of the great Things of God's Law and Goſpel. He often entertained his Hearers with affecting Meditations on the guilty, depraved, condemned, undone Eſtate of the Race of Adam by Nature, in Conſequence of the firſt Apoſtacy, and by means of their increaſed Wickedneſs; and on thoſe eternal Miſeries hereafter, which they are every Moment expoſed to. Whereby he labour'd to awaken the Conſciences of Sinners, to alarm their Fears, and excite their Concern to obtain the Salvation which is by Jesus Christ. — And then his moſt beloved Themes were the wondrous Counſels and Works of the Divine Trinity, reſpecting this great Salvation; the Divine Father's Appointment and Miſſion of his Son to purchaſe it for us, and of his Spirit to reveal and apply it to us. Theſe were, either directly or reductively, the Subjects of his Preaching, in general. — More particularly, his frequent Theme was the admirable Perſon of Christ in his two diſtinct Natures, of God and Man; his glorious Office of Mediator, in its various Views, Acts and Exerciſes; his aſtoniſhing Humiliation and Sufferings, Atonement for Sin, and Satisfaction to Divine Juſtice; his perfect active and paſſive Obedience, its infinite Value and Merit, and the everlaſting Righteouſneſs brought in thereby; his victorious Reſurrec-

tion, his triumphant Aſcenſion into Heaven, and his Exaltation there to the Government of the whole Creation, and the Mediatorial vital Headſhip of his People; his continual Sympathy with them, and prevalent Interceſſion for them, as their merciful and faithful High-Prieſt; and his final Appearance, as the great Judge of Quick and Dead, when he ſhall be glorify'd in his Saints, and admired in all them that believe. — Alſo the Divine Excellencies of the Holy Spirit, the Neceſſity of his Miſſion and Agency, and eminently of his ſpecial and efficacious Grace, or ſaving Influence on the Hearts of Men; convincing them of their Sin and Miſery, enlightning their Minds in the Knowledge of Chriſt, renewing their Wills, and both perſuading and enabling them to receive Chriſt, in all his Offices, and for all his Benefits; to turn to God in and through Chriſt, and chuſe the glorious God, in Chriſt, as their ſupreme Ruler, Portion and End; to embrace the Promiſes, to live by Faith and to look for the Mercy of the Lord Jeſus Chriſt unto eternal Life. In Sum, he preached Repentance towards God, and Faith towards our Lord Jeſus Chriſt, teſtifying the Goſpel of the Grace of God, in its Requirements and its Encouragements, it's Precepts and Promiſes; often taking occaſion to ſet forth the many invaluable Privileges of Believers, both here and hereafter; and the infinite Wiſdom, Holineſ, Juſtice, Truth, and Grace of God, diſplayed in the whole of their Salvation.

On ſuch Subjects as theſe, Mr. Walter laid out very much of his Miniſtry. But at the ſame Time, while he conſtantly affirmed theſe Things, it was to the End that they which have believed in God, might be careful to maintain good Works. Well knowing, that Men are ſanctified through the Truth, he preached the Truth, even as it is in Jesus. He was a Preacher of Righteouſneſs, in the whole Scripture-Meaning of this Character. He adapted his Preaching to the bleſſed

Deſign of promoting Conviction, Converſion, and Sanctification. His Sermons were full of Motives and Directions, to this Purpoſe.— But he always pointed out the true Cauſes of Salvation, the Grace of God, the Merits of Chriſt, and the Power of the Holy Ghoſt; and keeping theſe in View, he much inculcated a diligent Uſe of inſtituted Means, under Goſpel-Encouragements, ſtriving to enter in at the ſtrait Gate, and to walk in the narrow Way which leadeth unto Life. He often and earneſtly preſſed the Duties of the Chriſtian Life, and inſiſted on the Neceſſity of our following univerſal Holineſs, labouring after the higheſt moral Improvements attainable in this Life, and longing for the Perfection of the upper World.— In ſhort, he was a moſt practical and truly evangelical Preacher. For the Proof of this, we need only appeal to his printed Works; which are theſe. (1) Unfruitful Hearers detected and warned. (This was lately re-printed.) (2) The Body of Sin anatomized. (3) A Diſcourſe on vain Thoughts. (4) The great Concern of Man. (5) The Wonderfulneſs of Chriſt. (6) The Holineſs of Heaven. (7) Faithfulneſs in the Miniſtry; (A Sermon preach'd to the Convention of Miniſters.) And the following Diſcourſes, on the 55th Chapter of Iſaiah; with his laſt Sermon annexed. All which bear the viſible Signatures of his Piety, Orthodoxy, Skill and Diligence in his Work. We may look upon them as the true Tranſcript of his ſettled Sentiments and habitual Thoughts, as the Exemplification of his uſual Frames, and as ſo many Specimens of his common Preaching, with regard to Subject, Spirit, Style, and Method.

It was very much his Manner, to ſelect particular Chapters of the Bible, or large Portions of them, and to go over them verſe by verſe, in his Sabbath-Sermons eſpecially. He had a happy Talent at illuſtrating the Scripture, and frequently with a few plain Words he would ſet a difficult Text in an

advantageous and perhaps uncommon Light. His Method of handling a Subject appear'd always exceeding natural and juft. With a Dignity of Sentiment, there was ever an eafy Train of Tho't. The late Rev. Dr. Colman, who was himfelf a valuable Preacher, ufed to fay of him, When one is hearing Mr. Walter, it feems as if any Man could preach fo; and yet it's difficult preaching like him, and few can equal him. So the late Rev. Mr. Pemberton, of the South Church in Bofton, who in his Day fhone as a fuperior Light, once faid of him (in Converfation with one of us) I know no Man, that in his Preaching reconciles Perfpicuity with Accuracy, like Mr. Walter. —He ufually difcourfed on his Text by way of Doctrine and Ufe, according to the ancient Cuftom of the New England Miniftry. He dealt not in loofe Harangue, but laid out his Matter clearly, under diftinct Heads, and number'd thefe as he went along, for the Eafe and Benefit of his Hearers; though for the fame Reafon, he was careful not to multiply them to Excefs. He was folicitous, in the compofition of his Difcourfes, to digeft Things into the beft Order, for common Edification of the Auditory; and to enforce every Point with the beft Authority, by citing pertinent Scriptures. And when he had fufficiently led them into the Underftanding of any Truth, then he apply'd it, to awaken their Mind and Heart, to move and guide them to an anfwerable Experience and Practice. Here he often expatiated in a Variety of fuitable, practical Reflections and Exhortations; yet in the whole was commonly very brief and comprehenfive. —And as to his Style, or Diction, it was, not only exceeding clear and plain, but withal fo correct, that the Sermons he deliver'd in the ftated courfe of his Miniftry (as were the enfuing) would bear to fee the Light. His Periods and Sentences concife, his Words emphatical and very expreffive, and moft eafy to be underftood. He had few Redundancies,

and affected nothing of Luxuriancy or Pomp of Language. He was like the wife Preacher, Solomon ſpeaks of, who fought to find out acceptable Words; and that which was written, was upright, even Words of Truth; and theſe he ſet in Order. Becauſe the Preacher was wiſe, he ſtill taught the People Knowledge. And the Words of the Wiſe are as Goads, and as Nails faſtned by the Maſters of Aſſemblies, which are given from one Shepherd. His Sermons were ſcriptural, and rational, always ſpeaking the Things that become ſound Doctrine, couched in few and familiar Words, with a noble Negligence of Style; and in the whole, calculated both to enlighten the Mind, and affect the Conſcience. Though his Organs of Speech were naturally feeble, and his Utterance very deliberate, with frequent Pauſes; yet his Aſpect, Geſture, Pronunciation, and whole Manner of Addreſs, were with ſuch a Decorum, becoming the Pulpit; ſo habitually grave and ſolemn, ſo free from every aukward Air and diſguſtful Tone, and from all ſign of Indolence, Formality or Affectation; his Voice nothing effeminate, and ſo well modulated, his Words ſo juſtly accented, his Pauſes ſo judiciouſly placed, his Eye and Action under ſo proper a Regulation, and ſuch a Degree of genuine Pathos diſcover'd, accompany'd frequently with Tears, as indicated his Diſcourſes to be the genuine Breathings of a warm Heart, tho' the Produce of a clear and cool Head. — In the Beginning of his Miniſtry for about ſeven Years, he preach'd memoriter, or without Notes, after the uſual Manner of that Day. But by a ſevere Fit of Sickneſs, which brought him very low, and of which he recover'd only by ſlow Degrees, he found his Head ſo affected and his Memory weakened, that when reſtor'd ſo far as to be able to preach, he nevertheleſs thought it prudent, not to commit his Sermons to Memory, and much leſs to venture upon preaching extempore; ſo he then took up the

Practice of uſing his Notes in the Pulpit, and never ſaw fit to depart from it. And indeed he had a very happy Art in uſing them, as though he uſed them not; commonly but glancing on them (latterly with the Help of a Glaſs in his Hand) and then delivering his Matter, with his Eyes erect and pointed to the liſtning Audience. For his agreable Elocution, and his excellent Compoſition, added to the Importance of his Subject, ſeldom fail'd to draw the Eye and Ear of ſerious Hearers, and engage their cloſeſt Attention; by Means whereof a deeper Silence reigned in the Aſſembly, which gave Advantage to his low Voice, the more eaſily to be heard: and a great viſible Solemnity in the Audience increas'd every one's Diſpoſition to attend with Wakefulneſs and Reverence. — His Sermons appear excellently good in the Reading; but it muſt be confeſs'd, they appear'd with a peculiar Grace and Advantage from the Pulpit. Truly, his Doctrine dropped as the Rain, and his Speech, diſtilled as the Dew. —

But to leave his Character, which we have only given ſome imperfect Sketches of —

About the Year 1717, as we ſuppoſe, from his long and cloſe Application to Study, and other Labours of his Charge (in Conjunction perhaps with ſome Incidents in Providence) he contracted a vertiginous Diſorder, and fell into ſuch a State of Debility, as obliged him for a conſiderable Time to ſuſpend the Exerciſe of his Miniſtry, to intermit his Studies, and throw aſide Books; — being ſeldom able to bear a Moment's intenſe Thought, and ſcarce capable of carrying on Family-Duties or Cloſet Devotions, without being quite overcome; — though ſtill never wholly taken off from converſing with his Friends. On this melancholy Occaſion, (if we do not miſremember) his kind People kept a Day of Faſting and Prayer; when many from the Vicinity, both

Miniſters and others, aſſembled with them, to help together by Prayer to God, that he would prolong ſo precious a Life, and reſtore to Health and publick Service. — The Prayer of Faith receiv'd an Anſwer of Peace, in a Divine Bleſſing on the Means uſed for his Recovery. — A Miniſter of Boſton put into his hands Dr. Fuller on Exerciſe, and urg'd him to ride. Upon which he took a Journey; and by that and other Means, he happily obtain'd ſuch a Recruit of Spirit and Strength, as enabled him to return to his beloved work.

For above 28 years he had been in the Paſtoral Office without a Co-partner; till October 19, 1718, when his very valuable Son, Mr. Thomas Walter, was ordained his Colleague, to his preſent Help and Support; and in him he was ready to promiſe himſelf much Comfort, through the whole Remainder of his Days. For he was a moſt ingenious young Gentleman, an accompliſh'd Scholar, an orthodox Preacher, and began to be a great Bleſſing to the New-England Churches, in bravely and learnedly defending their Scriptural Profeſſion and Goſpel-Order; as appears by his printed Works. But the ſovereign God was pleas'd to take him away by Death on Jan. 10. 1724, 5. — by which his Father, his Family, his Congregation, his Town, and the Land in general, ſuſtain'd a great Loſs.

And now again the whole Weight of the Paſtoral Care devolv'd on the Father alone. But his People in Conſideration of Age advancing upon him, and in Hopes that by the Goodneſs of God they might enjoy his Preſence and Labours the longer, were at the Expence of affording him Aſſiſtance by young Candidates, every Sabbath, for one part of the Day: and with the like Views, his Brethren and Sons in the Miniſtry, particularly in the Neighbourhood, were always ready to give him their Help, as there was Occaſion.

In ſhort, Mr. Walter ſeem'd to be as univerſally lov'd and reſpected as any Miniſter of his Time in all New England.

In the Beginning of his Miniſtry, his Fathers, the aged Miniſters (in particular, that venerable Man, his ancient Colleague, as before obſerv'd) very highly eſteem'd and lov'd him; his Brethren in the Miniſtry continued, or rather increaſed, in their Regards for him; and in his Age, the Junior Miniſters always roſe up before him with Reverence, not only honouring the Face of the old Man, but venerating him as a Man of God, and honourable, for the ſuperior Wiſdom and Holineſs ſo conſpicuouſly ſhining in him. — And it may be proper to note here, that his Excellency, the late Governor Dudley, a Gentleman of fine Accompliſhments and a good Judge of Worth, was his Pariſhioner, and one of us has often heard him expreſs the great Satisfaction he had in Mr. Walter's Miniſtry. Indeed he ſeldom heard him preach, or adminiſter a Sacrament, but it was obſerv'd he wept: and to the day of his Death, he honoured his Miniſter with many Honours. And the Governor's Son, who ſucceeded him in his Seat at Roxbury, the late Hon. Paul Dudley, Eſq. who was for many Years one of his Majeſty's Council, and chief Juſtice of the Province, equal'd (if not exceeded) his excellent Father in Love to Mr. Walter's Perſon and Miniſtry: and memorable are the Honours he did him, living and dead. — And other Gentlemen of the greateſt Diſtinction among us, in the Civil (as well as Eccleſiaſtical) Character, delighted to ſhew their Reſpects to Mr. Walter, by receiving his Viſits and returning them, by ſometimes attending his publick Lectures, &c. — And truly it is to their own Honour they did ſo. — As for the Church and Congregation, over which the Holy Ghoſt had made, and continu'd him, ſo wiſe and faithful and affectionate an Overſeer, he was conſtantly belov'd and admired among them, from firſt to laſt. May the Lord deal kindly with them, who have not left off to ſhew Kindneſs to the Living and to the Dead! — And a rare

Thing it is indeed, for a Miniſter to live in ſuch unintempted Harmony and Endearment with his People, eſpecially for ſo long a Tract of Time. — Yea his Praiſe was in all the Churches, in Proportion as he was known to them by Face, or by his printed Works, and by Report. Scarce any Man ever paſs'd through the World with a more unexceptionable Character or a more univerſal Reputation with all that knew him: every one ſpeaking of him with high Eſteem, for his Piety, his Judgment, and his Miniſterial Accompliſhments and Performances. In ſhort, he has long ſhone among us, as a Chriſtian and a Divine of the firſt Figure in our Zion. And in very advanced Age, his Wiſdom ſtill remained with him; his mental Powers retaining their Vigour in an uncommon Degree, and his Graces daily riſing towards Perfection. — But alas, the beſt and longeſt Life muſt have a Period.

On Decemb. 25. 1749. he was confined to his Houſe, by bodily Indiſpoſitions, which gradually increaſed upon him, and at length terminated in his Deceaſe. It is remarkable, the Circumſtances, both natural and moral, of his final Ilneſs and Dying, very much correſponded to the general Habit and Tenor of his preceeding Life. For, although he had nothing robuſt in his Conſtitution, but rather was of a feeble Make, and although he led a very ſtudious, ſedentary Life (which is much Wearineſs to the Fleſh, and exhauſts the Spirits) yet through the Divine Bleſſing, by means of his ſtrict and ſteady Temperance, his keeping to an exact Regimen in almoſt every Thing, and preſerving an habitual Tranquillity of Mind, he uſually enjoy'd a conſiderable Share of Health and Eaſe; for many Years ſcarce knowing, by any Experience what Pain or Sickness meant. Even ſo, in the laſt Stage of Life, and under the Approaches of Death, he found himſelf ſtill very graciouſly dealt with in this Regard; being never exerciſed with any ſevere Dolour, or very diſ-

treſſing Malady, during the whole time of his long Confinement and Decay. And, what was a greater Mercy, he ſtill enjoy'd much of his uſual Compoſure of Thought, and Sedateneſs of Temper, free from the Ruffles of Paſſion, and not overborne by diſquieting Reflections, or diſmaying Apprehenſions; but with much Humbleneſs of Mind lying at the Foot of a holy wiſe, gracious, and ſovereign God, he was calmly submiſſive to the Divine Will, and in Faith reſigned himſelf into the Hands of a dear Redeemer. — His waking Hours, for the moſt part (as it appear'd to his Attendants and Friends about him) were continually employ'd in ſilent, but fervent Devotion. — He liv'd and died in the Belief of the holy Angels Miniſtration to the Saints. A Friend having obſerved to him, that although the Miniſtry of Angels was not now ſo ſenſible as in ancient Times, yet doubtleſs it was as real; he reply'd, I am fully of that Mind and believe that God now uſes the Ministry of Angels to the Saints, in their Life and at their Death. Adding withal, I am waiting the few remaining Days of my appointed Time. Which (in his modeſt and ever cautious way of ſpeaking) might import as much as if he had ſaid, more peremptorily and boldly, in the Language of the memorable Mr. Newman (of Rehoboth) on his Death bed, "Now Angels, do your Office!" As to his Intereſt in the Promiſes, which are in Christ Yea, and in him Amen, to the glory of God, he appear'd to have a good Hope through Grace, without any diſtreſſing Doubts, or the leaſt Fear of Amazement. — To a Miniſter, converſing with him on his Death-bed, he had (among others) ſome ſuch Sayings as theſe: If Hatred of Sin be a good Evidence, I think I have That. — Christ is precious to them which believe; but the Damned in Hell are perpetually blaſpheming and diſhonouring Christ; and I can't bear the Thought of doing This! — To another Miniſter, ſpeaking

ſomething for his Conſolation not long before his Death, he reply'd, I hope to find Mercy of the Lord in that Day! And to a Chriſtian Neighbour, he ſpake more fully in the Language of Aſſurance, repeating with Self-Application thoſe triumphant Expreſſions of the Apoſtle (2 Tim. 1. 12) I know whom I have believed and am perſuaded, He is able to keep that which I have committed to him againſt that Day. — Thus having lived by the Faith of the Son of God, he alſo died in Faith, and fell aſleep in Jesus; — fatiſfy'd with long life.

He expired on the 17th of Sept. 1750 when he wanted but about 3 Months of being 87 Years old. The longeſt liv'd Miniſter in all New England, we ſuppoſe, excepting a few inſtances; two formerly, Mr. Ward of Haverhill, and Mr. Higginson of Salem; and two more lately, Mr. Cheever of Chelſea, and Mr. Stone of Harwich. — And it ſeems worthy of Remark, that the Continuation of Mr. Eliot's and Mr. Walter's Miniſtry, who (as already obſerv'd) were for a Seaſon contemporary Paſtors of the ſame Church, extended to almoſt a Score of Years above one intire Century; the former being Miniſter of Roxbury Church near 58 and the latter above 60 Years, ſucceſſively. An Inſtance without a Parallel in this Part of the World, and the like perhaps not to be met with in all Hiſtory! — Though it ought to be noted, in the mean while Roxbury had two other Miniſters; viz. Mr. Samuel Danforth (Brother to the memorable Deputy Governor Danforth) Colleague with Mr. Eliot, for about a fifth Part of the Time, and died (if we miſtake not) in the 49th Year of his Age, who has been ſam'd for an excellent Scholar, and a very judicious, methodical, pathetical, and truly evangelical Preacher; and many Years afterwards, Mr. Thomas Walter (before mention'd) Colleague with his Father.

Alſo more lately another was choſen in Mr. Walter's Life-time to be his Colleague, and was Succeſſor to him; viz., Mr. Oliver Peabody, an accompliſh'd and very ingenious Young Gentleman: but he liv'd not many Months after his aged Predeceſſor's Deceaſe. — And Mr. Adams ſince has ſucceeded him; for whom we wiſh, that he may attain to the Days of the Years of the Life of his Fathers, who preceeded in his Charge, and have their God to be with him, as he was with them. — O how highly favour'd and diſtinguiſh'd has this ancient Church of Roxbury been, in the Enjoyment of ſuch an excelling Diſpenſation of the Word! Eſpecially, under the long protracted Miniſtry of the late incomparable and ever-memorable Mr. Walter! — A rich Favour of Heaven to his People, was the Gift and extended Life of ſuch a Miniſter; whereby very eminently a Price was put into their Hands to get Wiſdom; for which they have Reaſon to be exceeding thankful, as well as have a great Account to give. And he being dead, yet ſpeaketh, — particularly by theſe following and other his printed Diſcourſes, putting them in Remembrance of the Goſpel, which he preached to them; which they have received, and wherein (we truſt) they ſtand; by which alſo they are ſaved, if they keep in Memory what he preached unto them, unleſs they have believed in vain. — His printed Works are abiding Remembrances to them of his Thoughts in Religion, and of the Leſſons of Wiſdom he taught them, as well as ſtanding Atteſtations to his Soundneſs in the Faith, and to his Fidelity and Skill in Preaching. May they ſtill remember him who has ſpoken to them the good Word of God; and none of them be forgetful Hearers, or unfruitful Readers, of his excellent Sermons.

To our Account of Mr. Walter we ſhall only add, as uſual, the following Particulars. He marry'd a Daughter (Sarah) of the late venerable Dr. Increase Mather (who was long a

Minifter of the North Church in Boſton, living to the Age of about 85) and had by her a numerous Offspring. His valuable Comfort with four of his Children ſurvived him, viz., two Sons, and two Daughters; but the Younger Daughter ſince dead. — The Younger Son has for many Years been the worthy Miniſter of the ſecond Pariſh in Roxbury.

May the very aged and pious Widow, with the remaining virtuous Offspring of the Deceaſed Man of God receive the full Anſwer of his fervent and believing Prayers, in Showers of Bleſſings upon them! — May his Son in the Ministry, and may his preſent Succeſſor, and every other Minister, as Elisha, take up this precious Mantle of Elijah, and with a double Portion of that excellent Goſpel-Spirit, which reſted on him ſo conſpicuouſly and abundantly, go on and proſper in their heavenly and divine Employment! May his Flock, and others through the Land, attentively hear what the Spirit of Christ ſaith now to them, and to each Church among us (Rev. iii, 8–11). Thou haſt a little Strength, and haſt kept my Word, and haſt not denied my Name. — Behold I come quickly! Hold faſt that which thou haſt, that no Man take thy Crown.

Boston, March 21, 1755.

THOMAS PRINCE,
THOMAS FOXCROFT.

The above life is taken from a book published in 1755 entitled Discourses on The Whole LV Chapter of Isaiah, Preparatory to Communion at the Lord's Table, to which is added, The Author's last Sermon, by that pious, judicious, and learned Divine, the Rev. Mr. Nehemiah Walter, Late Pastor of the First Church in Roxbury.

It is headed, "A Preface Containing ſome Minutes of the Rev. Author's Life and Character."

Since Books are uſually valu'd as well for the Author, as the Contents, had the late venerable Mr. Walter's Name and Worth been as univerſally known in the World, as he was juſtly reverenc'd and lov'd by all acquainted with his Perſon and Character, the genuine Remains of ſo excellent a Divine might have been ventur'd abroad upon the meer Credit of the Title Page. . . . The Materials of the Account here given of him are collected, partly from what has been publiſhed already, partly from Roxbury Church Records, partly from our own perſonal Knowledge and Converſation with Him, and partly from Informations receiv'd of his People.

REV. MR. THOMAS WALTER

The second son of the Rev. Nehemiah and Sarah (Mather) Walter was born in Roxbury Dec. 13, 1696, and early gave evidence of the most extraordinary genius. In his younger days he was not a hard student, being of a convivial turn and fond of society, but so retentive was his memory that he easily made himself master of almost all the learning of his uncle, Cotton Mather, by frequent conversation with him. In this way he acquired more knowledge than many others could have gained by a whole life's diligent study. He was graduated at Harvard College in 1713 and five years after received a call to become an assistant pastor to his father, our reverend pastor.

He was ordained Oct. 19, 1718, and on the 25th Dec. of the same year married Rebeckak, daughter of the Rev. Joseph Belcher of Dedham, by whom he had a daughter Rebeckah who died unmarried in 1780.

In 1719 he engaged in a public controversy with his intimate friend and associate, John Checkley, a man who combined great wit and humor with infinite learning.

This was a grief to his father and his uncle, Dr. Cotton Mather. Checkley had sarcastically attacked the wholesome doctrine of election and predestination, in a pamphlet entitled, "Choice Dialogues between a Godly Minister and an Honest Countryman, deseeting the False Principles of a certain man who calls himself a Presbyterian of the Church of England." This Mr. Walter answered in a 12 mo volume of 80 pages, under the caption of "A Choice Dialogue between John Faustus a conjurer, and Jack Tory his friend; occasioned by some Choice Dialogues lately published concerning Predestination and Election. By a Young Stripling."

In 1721, Mr. Walter who excelled in the science of harmony, being grieved beyond measure, and annoyed at the very indifferent performances in the sanctuary, published a neat 12 mo volume, "The Grounds and Rules of Music Explained; or an Introduction to the Art of Singing by Note: Fitted to the meanest capacity." Recommended by several ministers.

Mr. Walter's other works which have come down to us are, "A Sermon upon 2nd Samuel xxiii, 1. The sweet psalmist of Irael," which was delivered at the Boston Lecture, 1722, printed at the desire of the ministers, and dedicated to Judge Dudley. This discourse has been pronounced "the most beautiful composition among the sermons which have been handed down to us from our fathers." "The Scriptures the only Rule of Faith and Practice," dictated while languishing upon his bed of suffering, overcome with pain and weakness, and written down by a beloved friend, published in 1728, and two other occasional sermons.

Mr. Walter was one of the most distinguished scholars and disputants of the day. "He had all of his father's vivacity and richness of imagination with more vigor of intellect." Rev. Dr. Chauncy, in a letter to Dr. Stiles, 1768, writes: "Mr. Jeremiah Dummer, Mr. John Bulkley, and Mr. Thomas Walter of Roxbury, I reckon the first three clergymen, for extent and strength of genius and powers, New England has yet produced. I was acquainted with the latter, and often had occasion to admire the superlative excellence of his natural and acquired accomplishments. His genius was universal, and yet surprisingly strong. He seemed to have almost an intuitive knowledge of everything. There was no subject but he was perfectly acquainted with; and such was the power he had over his thoughts and words, that he could readily and without any pains, write or speak just what he would." In his last illness he was for a time

anxious for the salvation of his soul. Cotton Mather, in his funeral sermon, has given us a vivid account of his dying hours. Prostrated by consumption, "he went over and over again through the process of repentance," making just reflections upon the youthful errors into which his good temper had betrayed him; and greatly distressed with the fear of his miscarrying at last; saying, 'O, it is a great thing to die.'" At length his father came to his relief with victorious and overwhelming remonstrance. "My dear son, were our Saviour visibly here, as once in the days of his humiliation, and you should prostrate yourself before Him and beseech His compassion, and a heart to love him, can you imagine he would reject you? How strange then is this unbelief, to be discouraged from that which carries infinite encouragement with it. As if His power and goodness were less, or our access to Him more difficult, now that He is seated on the throne of His glory." His apprehensions being thus removed, he said more composedly, "If I perish, I will perish in the hands of my Saviour, and though he slay me, yet will I trust in him." Thencefore his fears were swallowed up in the hope of a blessed immortality. "I shall be the most glorious instance of soverign grace in all heaven," he said. It was the Sabbath, Jan. 10, 1724/5, and he expressed his hope that he should that day be in Paradise. His father, as the time drew near for the morning service, said to him, "I am going to the house of God, which is the gate of heaven, but you, I hope, are going to heaven itself; I go to the table of the Lord, but you will drink of the fruit of the vine new with Christ in the kingdom of his Father." Then taking his leave, and not expecting ever to see his son alive again, "My child, the Lord Jesus receive thy spirit;" "and the Lord fit it for his reception," he replied. Mr. Walter lingered until near the close of the afternoon when

he gently expired. "He was to me," says Cotton Mather, "not unlike what a sister's son was to Paul, and his death makes a sorrowful time for us. His rare accomplishments, his acute penetration, his copious erudition, with his right principles, render him an unknown loss to our churches. But that which makes him to be remembered with the more honor among us is, that his heart was fixed in his purposes and endeavors to employ all those bright abilities in the service of Christ."

His remains were deposited in the same tomb wherein years afterwards his father's body was placed. And the following account, copied from the original, may not at this day be uninteresting: —

Jan'y 12, 1724/5

An Acc't of the Funeral Charges of the Rev. Mr. Thomas Walter.

	£	s	d
To a coffin	2	10	0
" the pall	0	12	0
" opening the tomb	0	10	0
" 5 dozen and three payrs of gloves, at 45*s*.	12	00	0
" 6 rings	6	12	0
" a barrel of wine	9	01	6
" tolling the bell	0	01	6
" a box to put the bones of old Mr. Eliot and others in	0	06	0
" pipes and tobacco	0	03	0
" three payres of women's mourning gloves, allowed to this account by the town, att 36 shil.	1	16	0
	33	12	0

Josh. Lamb,
Caleb Stedman,
Samuel Stevens.

RULING ELDERS

Mr. John Bowles was an early inhabitant of Roxbury, arriving here about 1640, m. (1) Dorothy ———, (2) Elizabeth Heath, (3) Sarah ———. Freeman, 1640. Artillery Co. 1645; one of the founders of the "Free Schoole" of which he was for many years a Feoffee and seems to have been active and influential in the management of the public affairs of the town. He was a leading member of the Massachusetts Corporation for Colonizing New England, and in 1645 a deputy to the General Court. The remonstrance of Roxbury to the General Court, 28th of October, 1664, against the surrender of the Royal Charter, was signed first by the Apostle Eliot, and next by JohnBowles. In 1674, 4 mo. 6 d., he was called to the office of Ruling Elder in this church which office he held until his death, Sept. 21, 1680, being killed by a cart wheel running over his body. He was always a warm and faithful friend of the Apostle Eliot who wrote: "Prudent and gracious men set over our churches for the assistance of their pastors, such helps in government had he (Eliot) been blessed withall; the last of which was the well deserving Elder Bowles." And, again, in a speech to a synod of all the churches in this Colony (12 May, 1680) he said, "There is my brother Bowles the godly Elder of our Church at Roxbury, God helps him to do great things among us." In the will of Mr. Bowles we find the following bequest: "To the Rev. John Eliot, twenty shillings in token of my love and service due to him."

Mr. John Pierpont, born in London, England, in 1619, married Thankful Stow. Died in Roxbury, Dec. 7, 1682. A malster by trade and he owned the first Fulling Mill in

Roxbury. He was orderly nominated Ruling Elder 1674. 4 mo., 6 d., but not yet called, left to consideration. As no further mention is made he must have served, as he is mentioned as a Ruling Elder and Selectman of the town and Deputy to the General Court.

Mr. Samuel Williams, son of Robert and Elizabeth (Stalham) Williams, was born about 1632 and was, like his father, a cordwainer. Took the Freeman's oath March 1658. Married Theoda, daughter of Deacon William Parke. He was nominated to be called a Ruling Elder of this church Nov. 9, 1677. Died Sept. 28, 1698.

Mr. John Bowles, son of John and Elizabeth (Heath) Bowles, was baptised June 27, 1653, in Roxbury. He was graduated at Harvard College in 1671. Master of Arts in 1675. Married Sarah, daughter of John Eliot, Jr. Deputy to the General Court 1689–90 and Speaker of the House. July 15, 1688, he was called to officiate in the office of a Ruling Elder until such time as God please to restore his health and capitate him to the ministry. Died March 30, 1691.

DEACONS

Mr. William Parke (see First Meeting House).

Mr. Giles Paison (see First Meeting House).

Mr. William Gary (Geary), son of Arthur and Frances Gary, was born in England in 1629. Came to Roxbury with his parents. Married Hannah Curtis. Freeman 1652. Deputy 1675. Ordained Deacon before Jan. 1686/7. Died Sept. 4, 1712.

Mr. Samuel Scarborough, son of John and Mary (Smith) Scarborough, was baptised in Roxbury, January 1, 1645/6. Married Bethia ———. A cordwainer by trade. Ordained Deacon before 1700. Died March 18, 1714/15.

Mr. John Paison (Payson), son of Edward and Mary (Eliot) Paison, baptised June 18, 1643 in Roxbury. Married (1) Bathsheba Tileston; (2) Hannah ———. Ordained Deacon before 1715. Died Nov. 15, 1719, in Roxbury.

Mr. John Mayo, son of John and Hannah (Graves) Mayo, baptised Feb. 20, 1658/9, in Roxbury. Married Sarah Burden. Ordained Deacon before 1711. Died Feb. 25, 1732/3.

Mr. John May, son of John and Sarah (Brewer-Bruce) May, baptised May 24, 1663, in Roxbury. Freeman 1690. Married Prudence Bridge. Selectman of Roxbury. Ordained Deacon before 1711. Died Feb. 24, 1730/1.

Mr. John Paison (Payson), son of John and Bathsheba (Tileston) Paison, baptised Aug. 18, 1678; m. Elizabeth Child. Ordained Deacon before 1732 and before March 1738/9 he was set off to the Second Precinct where he was a Deacon. Died Jan. 6, 1747/8.

Mr. Edward Ruggles, son of John and Martha (Devotion) Ruggles, born Oct. 2, 1691, in Roxbury; m. (1) Hannah Crafts; (2) Abigail Williams. A farmer and a man of means. Percinct Treasurer. Ordained Deacon before 1732. He was a Deacon in 1748 when Nehemiah Walter, Clerk, Edward Ruggles and Samuel Gridley, deacons of the First Church in Roxbury, sold a piece of land being a gift to the church. He removed to Cambridge between February and July, 1753. Died Sept. 16, 1765, in Cambridge.

Mr. Samuel Gridley, a cordwainer, came to Roxbury from Pomfret, Conn., about 1727; m. (1) Abigail ———; (2) Mary George; (3) Abigail Baker. Ordained Deacon in 1736. For many years he was Town Clerk and Selectman of Roxbury. June 3, 1763, he was chosen Moderator to keep the meeting alive, as Col. Joseph Williams was obliged to be absent to attend Court. Died March 4, 1776.

CHURCH MEMBERS

Nov. 15, 1674. —
Samuel Perry.
Elizabeth Holdridge.

Jan. 3, 1674/5. —
Samuel Scarbro.
Rebecca Scarbro, his wife.
Benjamin Tucker.
Ann Tucker, his wife.

Jan. 24, 1674/5. —
Mary Lambe, wife of Joshua Lambe.
Sarah Onion, dau. of Robert Onion.
Elizabeth Hawly.
Dorothy Hawly.

Jan. 31, 1674/5. —
John Ruggles, junior.
Martha Ruggles, his wife.
Elizabeth Crafts.
Joshua Seaver.
Hannah Devotion.

March 7, 1674/5. —
John Davis, junior.
Mary Davis, his wife.
Susanna, wife of Thomas Mory.

March 18, 1674/5. Sarah Cleaves.

March 28, 1675. —
John Newel.
Elizabeth, wife of Joseph Weld.
Mary, wife of Robert Baker.
Abigail Gardner.
Johanna Gardner.
Bethiah Wise.
Katherin Wise.
Sarah Pepper.

April 25, 1675. —
Mr. Thomas Weld.
Mr. John Bowles.

June 27, 1675. —
Elizabeth Onion.
Hannah Onion.
Abigail Clark.
Mercy Clark.
Abigail Griffin.

July 15, 1675. Experience Bugby, wife of Joseph Bugby.

Sept. 12, 1675. John Bugby.

Nov. 28, 1675. Widow of Phillip Curtis.

Feb. 13, 1675/6. Samuel Ruggles.

Feb. 20, 1675/6. Elizabeth, wife of John White.

July 2, 1676. —
Rebecca, wife of Moses Crafts.
Sarah Mayes, Abigail Mays, Hannah Porter } maids.

July 23, 1676. Mrs. Mary Morie of Milton, dau. of James Clark.

Sept. 10, 1676. —
Mrs. Lidea Elder, dau. of bro. Holmes.
Mary Pepper, widow of Joseph Pepper.

Oct. 1, 1676. Mary Davis, wife of John Davis.

Dec. 3, 1676. Elizabeth, wife of Abiel Lambe.

Dec. 31, 1676. Elizabeth Lawrence, a godly maide.

Feb. 11, 1676/7. —
Abigail, wife of William Lyon.
Johannah, dau. of Thom. Gardner.

Feb. 25, 1676/7. —
John Weld, junior.

Ann Paison, dismissed to 1st Church of Dorchester.
April 29, 1677. John White, senior, of Muddy River.
May 6, 1677. —
Jonathan Winchester.
Mary Winchester, his wife.
July 29, 1677. —
Elizabeth, wife of William Gary.
Abigail, wife of John Clark.
Samuel Weld, John Weld, Edmond Weld } sons of Thomas Weld.
Aug. 19, 1677. —
William Lyon, junior.
Hannah Winchester.
Sept. 30, 1677. John Clark.
Nov. 25, 1677. Uriah Clarke.
Jan. 27, 1677/8. —
Experience Peirpoynt.
Johanna, wife of Joshua Henningway.
Ruth, wife of John Grovnor.
March 17, 1677/8. —
Deborah, wife of Samuel Scarbrow.
Mary, wife of John Hinningway.
March 24, 1678. Abraham How, jr., farmer.
April 14, 1678. —
Sarah Gardner.
Elizabeth Chandler.
May 5, 1678. John Scot.
July 7, 1678. Mr. Thomas Boylston.
July 11, 1678. Andrew Gardner.
Oct. 13, 1678. —
Sarah, wife of Andrew Gardner.
Mary, wife of Joshua Seaver.
Priscilla, dau. of Robert Harris.
March 1, 1678/9. —
Joseph Lyon.
Widdow Stevens.
March 30, 1679. —
Timothy Stevens.
Jakob Newell.
Isaac Newell.
John Mayo.
April 13, 1679. John Chandler.
April 20, 1679. —
Jabesh Totman
Samuel Willias, Elizabeth Willias } children of Samuel.
April 27, 1679. Mr. Thomas Weld junior.
May 11, 1679. —
Elizabeth Gary, Mehitabel Heath, Hannah Mayo } maides.
June 1, 1679. —
Epraim Paison, Samuel Paison, Mary Paison } children of Edward.
John Devotion.
Aug. 17, 1679. —
Margret Parker, dau. to Widdow Cleaves.
Joseph Hawly, dismissed to the church at Northampton.
Nov. 2, 1679. —
Sarah Saben.
Mary Gardner.
Jan., 1679/80. —
Elizabeth Williams, dismissed to the church at Rehoboth.
Mary Drew, dismissed to the church at Cambridge village.
March 1, 1679/80. John White, junior.
March 14, 1679/80. Josiah Winchester, farmer.
March 28, 1680. —
Deliverance Duncan.
Deborah Devotion.
April 4, 1680. Mr. John Bowles

May 2, 1680. Edward Paison, dismissed to Rowley.

July 18, 1680. —
Elizabeth Colton.
Sarah Eliot.
Mary Danforth.
Dorothy Weld, as widow of Samuel Williams, owner of Pew No. 19, Third Meeting House.

Jan. 23, 1680/1. —
Thomas Woodward, junior.
Esther Woodward.
Hannah Woodward.
Sarah Devotion.

March 20, 1680/1. —
Joseph Weld.
Sarah Clark.
Elizabeth White.
Elizabeth Heath.
Hannah Cleaves.

March 27, 1681. —
Elizabeth Pike.
Mary, Widdow Winchester.
Elizabeth Gary.

April 24, 1681. —
Sarah, wife of Joseph Weld.
Hannah Weld.
Johannah Brewer.
Mehitable Mayse.
Hannah Brewer.
Elizabeth Morice.

Aug. 21, 1681. —
Mary Weld, Grace Morrice, Elizabeth Bowen, Prudence Bridge } maides.

Oct. 2, 1681. —
Abigail Heath.
Naomi Mays.

Oct. 23, 1681. —
Isaak Heath, junior, and his wife.
Nathaniel Wilson.

Jan. 15, 1681/2. Jakob Pigg.

Feb. 19, 1681/2. John Danforth, dismissed from Roxbury to be Pastor of Dorchester church.

June 4, 1682. Elizabeth Phillips.

Sept. 17, 1682. —
Mary, wife of Joseph Lyon.
Hannah, wife of Philip Searle.

Feb. 25, 1682/3.
Benjamin Dowse.
Jonathan Tory.

March 11, 1682/3. Joseph Wilson.

March 15, 1682/3. —
Martha Sharp.
Francis Prentice.

April 22, 1683. —
Narah Newel.
Elizabeth Newel.

Dec. 2, 1683. —
James Peirpont, son of John.
William Dennison, son of Edward.

Jan. 6, 1683/4. —
John Williams, William Williams } two hopfull young scholars.
Mary, wife of Joseph Gardner.

Feb. 17, 1683/4. —
Moses Draper.
Rebeccah Hubbard.

Feb. 24, 1683/4. —
Benjamin Tukker.
Thomas Lyon.

March 2, 1683/4. John Davis, senior.

March 9, 1683/4. —
Benjamin Saben.
Steven Williams.
Samuel Scarbro.

March 23, 1684. —
John Grigs, senior.
Thomas Bishop.

John Peirpont
Joseph Griffin
Jonathan Davis
Nathaniel Brewer
Joseph Weld, junior } male youths.
Joseph Peirpont
Benjamin Peirpont
Joseph Buckmaster

Mary Searl, wife of John Searl.

Rebecca Ruggles
Margret Searl } dau. of John Ruggles, junior.

Rebecca Newel
Leah Fisher
Mary Newel
Rebecca Mayo } female youth.

March 30, 1684. —

Abraham Gorton
John Chandler
Eleazer Mays
Daniel Druer, junior } male youths.
Phillip Searl, junior
Jakob Parker

March 30, 1684. —

Sarah Gary
Mary Davis
Sarah Brewer
Rebecca Polly
Mary Baker
Hannah Chandler } female youths.

Samuel Williams, junior.
Joseph Weld, senior.
John Whitney.

April 6, 1684. —

Richard Hall.
Francis Youngman.
Elizabeth Crafts.
Hanna Crafts.
Ann Tucker.
Hannah Grigs.
Mary Swan.
Mary Lambe.
Sarah Bowles.
Hannah Weld.
Sarah Williams.

April 13, 1684. —

John Mays,
Thomas Chany } merchant,
Willia Chany

John Chany
Daniel Harris
Benjamin Child } young persons.

Margret Weld
Sarah Stevens
Abigail Wise
Annah Goare
Abigail Davis
Faith Newel
Deborah Willia
Sarah Willias
Mary Willias
Sarah Homes
Anna Goare } young persons.

April 20, 1684. —

Daniel Brewer, senior.
Samuel Ruggs, junior.
John Harris.

April 27, 1684. —

Nathaniel Homes.
John Davis.
Samuel Lyon.

May 4, 1684. —

Hannah Ruggles.
Patienc Homes.
Hannah White.
Abiel Lamb.
Joseph Bugby, senior.
John Crafts.
Nathaniel Sanger and his wife.

May 11, 1684. —

Joseph Bugby, junior.
Ebenezer Merice.
Timothy Stevens.
Ebenezer Willias.
Thomas Boylston, junior.
Thomas Gardner, junior.

Abigal Davis.
Rebecca Bugby.
Elizabeth Child.
Mary Sangor.
Mary Boylston, junior.
Mary Duncan.
Melatiah Hawkins.

June 5, 1684. Hannah, w. of Joseph Goad, dismissed from Dorchester.

June 15, 1684. —
Mary Boylston, senior.
Elizabeth Gore.
Mary Lyon.
Sarah Weld.
Mary Baker.
Hannah Chamberlain.
Mary Lambe.

June 22, 1684. —
Elizabeth Hall.
Mary Mashcraft.
John Leavens.
Abiel Davis.
John Simonson.
John Seaver.
John Stevens.

June 29, 1684. —
Caleb Lamb.
Joshua Lamb.
Richard Davis.

July 6, 1684. Uriah Clark.

July 20, 1684. —
John Clark.
Lidea Clark, his wife.
Mary Bukmaster.

Aug. 24, 1684. Isaak Curtis.

Sept. 7, 1684. Joseph Griffin.

Dec. 28, 1684. Hannah Wilson, wife of Nathaniel.

March 5, 1684/5. —
Abigail Newall.
Sarah Burdon.
Jakob Chamberlin.

March 15, 1684/5. —
Thom. Baker.
Joseph Baker.
Thomas Ruggles.
Edward Bugby.

March 22, 1685. —
Thomas Mory.
Elizabeth Cotton.
Johannah Winchester.

April 5, 1685. —
Hannah, wife of John Devotion.
Mehitable Aspinal.
Elizabeth Aspinal.
Peter Aspinal.
Nathaniel Aspinal.
Samuel Aspinal.
Nathaniel Bruer.

May 10, 1685. —
William Heath.
Margret Bowin.
Sarah Bullard.
Margret Morrice.
Sarah Brakket.
Elizabeth Whitney.
Rachel Davis.

May 17, 1685. Matthew Brand.

June 7, 1685. —
John Marcy, son of the high sheriff of Limerick, Ireland, born about 1662, m. Sarah Hadlock. In April, 1686, he moved to Quatosett (Woodstock), Conn.
Hannah Newel.
Mary Crafts.
Elizabeth Crafts.
Susanna Pike.

June 14, 1685. —
Susanna Morey.
Sarah Frizal.
Mary Woodward.
Mary Burden.
Mchitabel Mayo.

July 12, 1685. —
Mary Murreene.
Rebecca Murreene.
Elizabeth Grigs.
Sarah Grigs.
Sept. 20, 1685. —
Phillip Mareen.
William Mareen.
Elizabeth Mareen.
Nov. 22, 1685. Josiah Winchester.
Nov. 29, 1685. Thom. Hanshet.
March 7, 1685/6. Elizabeth, wife of Andrew Watkins.
April 4, 1686. Sister Accor, dismissed to the Church at Dunstable.
May 30, 1686. —
Sarah, wife of Mr. John Gore.
Sarah, wife of Joseph Griffin.
June 27, 1686. Sarah Peakok.
July 4, 1686. Abigal Bowin.
July 25, 1686. —
Mary Bowin.
Jane Davis.
Oct. 10, 1686. Sarah Hadlock.
Oct. 31, 1686. Isaak Howe.
Nov. 14, 1686. Nathaniel Gary.
Dec. 5, 1686, ——— wife of Samuel Paison.
Dec. 26, 1686. Mary Feilder.
Nov. 26, 1687. Mr. John Gore.
Jan. 1, 1687/8. —
Hannah Smith.
Prudence Wade.
Katherein Chikkerin.
Hannah Ellis.
Feb. 13, 1687/8. —
———, wife of Thomas Cheany; junior.
Elizabeth, wife of Caleb Phillips.
Feb. 19, 1687/8. Mr. Jonathan Peirepoint.
May 13, 1688. —
Hannah Williams.
Elizabeth Williams, dau. of Stephen.
Sarah Crafts, dau. of John Crafts.
Margret Pairpoynt.
June 10, 1688. John Baker.
Oct. 21, 1688. —
Martha Williams.
Patience Draper.
Martha Ramsey.
Joseph Kingsbury.
John Davis.
Mary Holebrook.
Nathaniel Holmes.
Ebenezer Holmes.
Samuel Knight.
Sarah Knight.
Thomas Aspinal.
Joseph Crafts.
Oct. 28, 1688. —
Elizabeth Morrice.
Sarah Mayo.
Mehittabel Mayo.
March 2, 1688/9. —
Caleb Sever.
———, the wife of Moses Draper.
April, 1689. —
John Mayo.
———, the wife of Jacob Pepper.
May 13, 1689. —
Mehittabel Heath.
Abigail Bowen.
June 30, 1689. —
Benjamin Griffin.
Sarah Davis.
Aug. 4, 1689. —
John Lyon.
Hannah Morrice.
Grace Child.
Elizabeth Child.
Nov. 24, 1689. Elizabeth Child, junior.

Feb. 25, 1689/90. Sarah Newel.

April 13, 1690. —
John Newel.
John Davis.
Pennel Bowen.
Joanna Harris.
Mary Chamberlain.
Sarah Brewer.

May, 1690. —
John May.
Prudence May.
Elizabeth Nuel.
Elizabeth Weld.

July, 1690. —
Mehittabel May.
Naomi May.

Aug., 1690. —
Hannah Heath.
Jonathan Curtis.

Sept., 1690. —
Elizabeth Brackett.
Sarah Davis.
Mary Mascraft.

Dec., 1690. Joshua Gardiner.

Feb., 1690/1. Mary Gardiner.

March, 1690/1. —
John Winchester.
Sarah Haws.
Mary Bridges.

May, 1691. Edward Morrice.

June, 1691. Robert Baker.

Oct. 1691. John White, H. C. 1685.

Feb. 1691/2. —
Joshua Hemmingway, moved to Framingham.
Margarett Hemmingway, his wife.
Anna Goard.

March, 1691/2. Elizabeth Hall.

April, 1692. Timothy Stevens, H. C. 1687.

May, 1692. —
Josiah Dwight, H. C. 1687.
Thomas Ruggles, H. C. 1690.
Grace Onion.

August, 1692. Daniel Brewer, H. C. 1687.

April, 1693.
Samuel Weld.
Susanna Weld.
Elizabeth Mascraft.

May, 1693. —
Ebenezer Morrice.
John Johnson.
Hannah Mascraft.

Aug., 1693. Ruth Greerson.

Nov. 20, 1693. Hannah Ruggles.

Dec., 1693. Mary Winchester.

July, 1694. Katharine Mather.

Dec. 9, 1694. —
Christopher Peake.
William Davis.
John Simeson.

June 9, 1695. Mary Holland.

July 7, 1695. Matthew Davis.

Sept., 1695. —
Susanna Pike.
Sarah Crafts.
Experience Newel.

Dec., 1695. —
Tryphena Woodward.
Hannah Gary.

Jan., 1695/6. —
Joseph Green, H. C. 1695.
Abigail Williams.
Hannah Merryfield.

March, 1695/6. Patience Polly.

June, 1696. Susanna Sabin.

July, 1696. Prudence Swan.

Dec., 1696. —
Paul Dudley, son of Governor Joseph and Rebecca (Tyng) Dudley, was baptized Sept. 8, 1675, in Roxbury. He was

graduated from Harvard College in 1690. Studied law some time here, and then was sent to London to complete his education in the Temple. He returned in 1702 when his father was made Governor, as Attorney General of the Province. He was a member of the Legislature, of the Executive Council, and Speaker of the House. A Justice of the Supreme Court from 1718 to 1745, and Chief Justice from 1745 until his death, Jan. 25, 1751. He married Lucy Wainwright. He was an ardent Naturalist, and one of the few Americans who have been honored by election to membership of the Royal Society of London. He was a benefactor of this church, of the Roxbury Latin School, and of Harvard College, and the founder of the Dudleian Lecture at Harvard College for the erection of which he bequeathed one hundred pounds. Chief Justice Sewall says he was a "thorough and accomplished lawyer, and shone with great lustre upon the bench, displaying admirable talents, quick apprehension, uncommon strength of memory, and extensive knowledge." Owner of Pew No. 2, Third Meeting House.

Mary Baker.

Feb. 7, 1696/7. John Druce.

Feb. 15, 1696/7. Elizabeth Sanders.

March, 1697. Faith Nuell.

May, 1697. —
Mehittabel Crafts.
Sarah Aspinall.
Mary Allen.

June, 1697. Lyddia Bishop.

Sept., 1697. Hannah Parker.

Oct., 1697. —
James Baily, dismissed from Salem.
James Baily, junior.

Nov. 13, 1698. —
Deborah Warren.
Elizabeth Tucker.
Priscilla Williams.

April, 1699. —
Joseph Buckminster.
Bathiah Scarborough.
Sarah Phipps.

May, 1699. Dorothy Denison.

Sept., 1699. Ebenezer Newell.

May, 1700. Sarah Henneway.

Oct., 1700. Mercy Kingsbury.

Nov. 10, 1700. Joseph Davis.

Nov. 17, 1700. —
Joseph Goddard & his wife.
Deborah Goddard.

Dec., 1700. Rebecca Johnston.

Jan., 1700/1. Bethiah Davis.

May, 1701. Charity Davis.

June, 1701. —
Sarah Butcher.
Mary Bacon.

Sept., 1701. John Ingram.

Dec., 1701. Isaac Morice.

March 1, 1701/2. —
Margaret White.
Allice Crafts.
Elizabeth Crafts.
Francis White.

May 19, 1702. Ichabod Davis.

Jan. 31, 1702/3. —
Sarah Baker.
Mary Johnson.

Feb. 21, 1702/3. Elizabeth Holbrook.

March, 1703. —
Benjamin White, son of Joseph.
Nathaniel Crafts, a turner, miller, farmer.
Patience Crafts, his wife.
Steven Johns.
Robert Loverain, cordwainer, m. Alice Crafts.

June, 1703. —
Elizabeth Brown.
Martha Brown.
Mehittabel Brown.
Samuel Sewal.
Joshua Lamb.
Rebecca Sewal.

July, 1703. Susanna Willis.

Oct., 1703. Huldah Ruggles.

Feb., 1703/4. Dorothy Bacon.

March, 1703/4. Lucy Ruggles.

May, 1704. —
Theodah Williams.
Thomas Weld [pius juvenis premature objit in Christo urcitur viginti annos natus], H. C. 1701.

June, 1704. —
Susanna Curtis.
Mehittabel Curtis.

Nov., 1704. Isaac Bowen, dismissed from ye church at Framingham.

Jan., 1704/5. —
Joanna Stevens.
Lucy Gardiner.
Rebecca Boylston.
Francis White.

March, 1704/5. —
Peter Boylston and Anne, his wife.
Thomas Gardner, jun^{r}., and Mary, his wife.
Shubal Seaver, jun^{r}., and Abigail, his wife.
Robert and Sarah Sharp.

April, 1705. —
Dorothy Weld.
Abigail Story.

June, 1705. Mary Bacon.

July, 1705. —
Mary Aspinall.
Mary Stevens.
Hannah Stevens.
Abigail Stevens.
Roger Stainer and his wife Susanna.

Feb., 1705/6. —
Mrs. Rebecca Sewall.
Mrs. Anne Dudley.

March, 1706. —
Jacob Bacon.
Benjamin Crafts, blacksmith.
Jarvis Pike.

May, 1706.
Caleb Stedman, owner of Pew No. 35, Third Meeting House.
Hannah Bowen, wife of Isaac Bowen.
Abiel Bacon.
Sarah Bugbee.
Caleb Seaver and Hannah, his wife.
Noah Perrin and Patience, his wife.
Elizabeth White.
Cornelius Youngman.

June, 1706. —
Amos Hill, negro.
Simon Gossan, negro.

July, 1706. —
Richard Hall.
Anne Baker.

Aug., 1706. —
William Lezon.
Thankfull Lezon.
Mary Bugbee.
Joanna Bugbee.

Sept., 1706. Mary (Capen) Williams, wife of Stephen Williams, junior.

Oct., 1706. Deborah Davis.

Dec., 1706. —
John Payson and his wife Elizabeth, see Deacons.
Samuel Lion.
Joanna Lion.

Feb., 1706/7. Samuel White.

May, 1707. Margaret Griggs.

June, 1707. —
Grace Williams, dau. of Stephen Williams.
Caleb Gardiner.

July, 1707. —
Sarah Gardiner.
Elizabeth Wood.

Sept., 1707. Abigail Cole.

April, 1708. —
Park Williams.
Joseph Williams, removed to Connecticut.

April 18, 1708. —
Josiah Winchester and Sarah, his wife.
Esther Alcock, baptised adult.

May 2, 1708. —
John Frost, baptised adult.
Lydia (Crafts) Bedouna, wife of Thomas.
Abigail Williams.

July, 1708. Susanna Whitney.

Aug., 1708. Abigail Harris.

Oct., 1708. —
Mary Gardner, jun^{r}.
Hannah Scott, baptised adult.

Feb. 20, 1708/9. —
Samuel Stevens, owner of Pew No. 11, Third Meeting House.
Hannah Gore.

March 20, 1708/9. Benjamin Eaton, owner of Pew No. 10 in gallery, Third Meeting House.

April 17, 1709. Deborah Weld.

May 29, 1709. —
Sarah Weld.
Patience Holmes.

June 12, 1709. Mr. Samuel Sewall.

June 26, 1709. Jeremiah Rogers, baptised adult.

July 10, 1709. Timothy Ruggles, H. C. 1707, taught in the Free Schoole in 1708 & 1709, minister in Rochester, Mass.
Hannah Ruggles.
Patience Ruggles.

Aug. 7, 1709. —
John Bowles, H. C. 1702, taught in the Free Schoole in 1703–5, owner of Pew No. 25, Third Meeting House.
Lyddia Bowles.

Oct., 1709. James Trusty, negro man baptised.

March, 1710. Sarah Hartness.

June, 1710. Elisha Johnson.

July, 1710. —
Joseph Adams, baptised adult.
Mary Adams, baptised adult.
Sarah Adams, baptised adult.
Daniel Adams, baptised adult.

Oct. 1, 1710. Martha Ruggles.

Oct. 8, 1710. Dorothy Davis.

Nov. 5, 1710. —
Ebenezer Dorr.
Mary Dorr.
Thomas Graves.

Dec., 1710. —
Samuel Williams, junior, owner of Pew No. 10, Third Meeting House.
Anne Charter.

Feb. 19, 1710/11. —
Samuel Davis.
John Bailey.
Sarah Williams.

Feb., 1710/11. James Shed, farmer.

May, 1711. —
Eleazer Aspinwall.
Mary Tucker.
Mehittabel Howard.
June, 1711. Sarah Hartness.
July, 1711. Sarah Ruggles.
Oct., 1711. —
John Totman.
Caleb Gardiner.
Abiel Gardiner.
Nov., 1711. —
Sarah Pierpont.
Esther Alcock.
Dec., 1711. Elizabeth Weld, wife of Joseph Weld, jun^{r}.
March, 1712. —
Thankfull Holmes.
Sarah Holmes.
April, 1712. Lyddia Harris.
July, 1712. Jacob Chamberlain.
Aug. 3, 1712. Ebenezer Williams, H. C. 1709, taught in the Free Schoole 1709–12, removed to Conn.
Nov., 1712. —
Enoch Farley.
Mary Holbrook.
Dec., 1712. —
James Grant.
Hannah Blake.
Dan, negro servant to Capt. Ruggles.
March 15, 1712/3. Anne White, wife of Samuel White.
April 27, 1713. Ichabod Woodward.
May, 1713. Abraham Woodward.
June, 1713. Roger Adams.
July, 1713. —
George Woodward.
Nathl Woodward.
Aug., 1713. —
Samuel Gardner.
Martha Gardner.
Sept., 1713. —
Peter Gardner.
Mary Gardner.
Simeon Buttler.
Hannah Buttler.
Rebecca Adams.
May 9, 1714. Robert Stanton, H. C. 1712.
July, 1714. —
John Wilson.
Sarah Wilson.
John Woods.
Jemima Woods.
Richard Cooms.
Hepsibah Cooms.
James Goddard.
Mary Goddard.
Aug. 1, 1714. Allice Loverain.
Oct., 1714. —
Thomas Jones.
Elizabeth Jones.
Dec., 1714. Abiel Chamberlain.
Feb., 1714/15. —
John Goddard, owner of Pew No. 27, Third Meeting House.
Elias Monk.
Dorothy Monk.
April 9, 1715. —
Edward Sumner, owner of Pew No. 9, Third Meeting House.
Elizabeth Sumner.
Elizabeth Weld, Junr.
June, 1715. —
Thomas Cobbett.
Benjamin Payson.
Mary Payson.
July, 1715. —
Thomas Gardner.
Joshua Seaver.
Oct., 1715. —
Joseph Ruggles.
Hezekiah Turner.

Nov., 1715. Martha Williams, dau· of Isaac Williams.
Dec., 1715. Hannah Turner.
Jan., 1715/16. —
Edward Clark.
Sarah Clark.
Amariah Winchester.
Sarah Winchester.
Feb., 1715/16. —
Joseph Stevens.
Margarett Chandler.
Ebenezer Seaver, owner of Pew No. 38, Third Meeting House.
Margarett Seaver.
Peter Gardner.
Elizabeth Gardner.
May, 1716. —
John Winchester.
Samuel Healy.
Mary Williams.
Ichabod Griggs.
Isaac Leason.
Anne Leason.
Sept., 1716. —
Jacob Howe.
Elizabeth Bernard.
Feb., 1716/17. —
Sarah Gardner.
Huldah Lamb.
Sept. 21, 1717. Thomas Walter, H. C. 1713, our Pastor.
Nov., 1717. —
Ebenezer Pierpont, owner of Pew No. 33, Third Meeting House. Taught in the Free Schoole 1716–18 and 1726–31.
John Williams.
June 22, 1718. Hannah Bowen.
Aug. 17, 1718. —
Josiah Holland.
Sarah Walter.
Hannah Walter.
Joseph Warren.
Sept., 1718. —
Stephen Williams, see Deacons, Fourth Meeting House.
Abraham Howe.
Jacob Payson.
Dec., 1718. Joseph Holland.
April 5, 1719. —
Ebenezer May, owner of Pew No. 32, Third Meeting House.
Benjamin West.
Elizabeth Holland.
Oct., 1719. —
Hannah Seaver.
Hannah Meers.
Elizabeth Holbrook.
Timothy Parker.
Mary Parker.
Titus Jones.
March, 1720. Hannah Norcross.
April, 1720. —
Joseph Mayo.
Elizabeth Mayo.
July 30, 1720. —
Abigail Greenwood.
Samuel Davenport.
Aug., 1720. —
Joseph Craft.
Susanna Craft.
Sept., 1720. Mary Stevens.
Nov., 1720. Margarett Tucker.
July, 1721. —
Anna Pepper.
Sarah Lathgood.
Elizabeth Scutts.
March, 1722. Abigail Cheney.
Aug. 19, 1722. Thomas Weld, Senior Sophister H. C. 1723. Taught in the Free Schoole 1723–26.
Dec. 9, 1722. —
Elizabeth Shed.
Elizabeth Craft.

March 3, 1722/3. Abijah Weld, Senior Sophister H. C. 1723.
March 17, 1722/3. Susanna Gore.
April 7, 1723. —
Joshua Lamb, owner of Pew No. 3, Third Meeting House.
Susanna Lamb.
April 21, 1723. Rebecca Davenport.
Aug., 1723. Eunice Ruggles.
Oct., 1723. Abigail Table.
Nov., 1723. —
Sarah Payson.
William Bosson, H. C. 1723. A preacher, lived in Roxbury. Chaplain of Castle William many years. Died 1748. Owner of Pew No. 5 in Gallery, Third Meeting House.
Dec., 1723. Elizabeth Pierpont.
Jan., 1723/4. —
Katharine Meers.
John Craft.
Elizabeth Craft.
Feb., 1723/4. —
John Cheny, farmer.
Mary Cheny.
March, 1724. Sarah Davis.
March 29, 1724. Joseph Warren, jr., son of Joseph and Deborah (Williams) Warren, born Feb. 2, 1696/7 in Roxbury, m. Mary Stevens. He was killed by falling from a ladder as he was gathering apples Oct. 23, 1775. He was an highly respected farmer and an exemplary christian. He was the father of Dr. Joseph Warren, the Patriot. Precinct Treasurer from March 20, 1737/8 to Nov. 12, 1755. Owner of Pew No. 6, Third Meeting House.
April, 1724. John Huit.
May, 1724. Eleazer Williams, m. Sarah Tileston. He served as Hogreave, Highway Surveyor, Auditor, Selectman, Representative, Tax Collector. Owner of Pew No. 21, Third Meeting House.
Nov. 8, 1724. Elizabeth Bowen.
July, 1725. —
Daniel Williams.
Hannah Williams.
July 25, 1725. Abigail Bugbee.
Dec. 5, 1725. John Sumner, H. C. 1723.
Jan. 17, 1725/6. —
Samuel Crafts, farmer in Muddy River and housewright.
Mehittabel Crafts, wife of Samuel.
Jan. 30, 1725/6. —
Edmund Weld.
Clemence Weld.
March 27, 1726. Dorothy Dorr.
April 24, 1726. Elizabeth Pierpont.
May 8, 1726. Hannah Mather.
Jan., 1726/7. Sarah Tileston.
June 3, 1727. —
Timothy Parker.
John Hely.
Hannah Hely.
July, 1727. —
Phillip Bacon.
Patience Bacon.
Sept. 3, 1727. —
Ebenezer Dorr, owner of Pew No. 36, Third Meeting House.
Mary Dorr.
Sept. 10, 1727. Mehittabel Meers.
Oct., 1727. John Lovel.
Oct. 9, 1727. Mary Thompson.
Oct. 15, 1727. —
Isaac Curtis, owner of Pew No. 28, Third Meeting House.
Mehittabell Curtis.

Nov., 1727. Rebecca Smith.
Nov. 12, 1727. Elizabeth Crafts.
Dec. 10, 1727. Ebenezer Tucker.
Dec. 24, 1727. —
Ebenezer Gore.
Samuel Gore, owner of Pew No. 11 in gallery, Third Meeting House.
Mary Gore.
Mary Mayo.
Jan. 7, 1727/8. —
Ebenezer Warren, owner of Pew No. 37, Third Meeting House.
James Meers, owner of Pew No. 39, Third Meeting House.
Hannah Curtis.
Abigail May.
Waitstill Payson.
Jan. 14, 1727/8. —
Andrew Bordman.
Deborah Williams.
Sarah Bordman.
Jan. 21, 1727/8. —
Joanna West.
Mary Sever.
Susanna Warren.
Jan. 28, 1727/8. —
Mary Bowles.
Elizabeth Payne.
Feb. 4, 1727/8. —
Sarah Lathbridge.
Bethiah Rice.
Feb. 11, 1727/8. Mercy Eaton.
Feb. 18, 1727/8. —
Jonathan Craft, weaver.
Thankful Craft.
Rachel Davis.
Feb. 25, 1727/8. —
Joanna Rugles.
Anna Bayley.
March 3, 1727/8. —
Anne Pierpont.
Joanna Stevens.
Susanna Stevens.
Elizabeth Payson.
Mary Harkness.
Martha Newel.
Mary Cheney.
Elizabeth Hooper.
March 17, 1727/8. Paul Davis.
March 24, 1727/8. —
Mary Parker.
Sarah Williams.
March 31, 1728. —
John Prentice.
Elizabeth George.
Anne Wainwright.
April 14, 1728. —
Peleg Heath, H. C. 1724.
Elizabeth Hinks.
April 21, 1728. Sarah Craft.
May 19, 1728. —
Mary Gore.
Sarah Pierpont.
May 26, 1728. Jemimah Woods.
June 23, 1728. —
Mary Bosson.
Sarah Seaver.
July 21, 1728. Zipporah Towers.
July 28, 1728. —
Francis Richey.
Mary Richey.
Oct. 13, 1728. —
Mary Hall.
Mehittabel May.
Oct. 20, 1728. Elizabeth Tucker.
Nov. 10, 1728. —
Dorothy Williams.
Margaret Seaver.
Rebecca Macthaden.
Jan. 5, 1728/9. Experience Cabot.
Feb. 16, 1728/9. Nathaniel Newel, H. C. 1727.
March 8, 1729/30. Samuel Curtis from First Church in Boston.
April 12, 1730. Abigail Hewes.

June 21, 1730. —
John Searle.
Mary Searle.
Aug. 2, 1730. Abigail Green.
Sept. 13, 1730. Sarah Mayo.
Oct. 4, 1730. Ebenezer Cheney, large landholder, owner of Pew No. 8, Third Meeting House.
Dec. 12, 1730. Margaret Searle.
May 2, 1731. Joseph Woods.
July 26, 1731. Sarah Scott.
Aug. 15, 1731. —
Samuel Bayley.
Anna Bayley.
July 22, 1731. —
Ebenezer Davis, owner of Pew No. 14, Third Meeting House.
Sarah Davis, wife of Ebenezer
Oct. 3, 1731. —
Thomas Seaver.
Elizabeth Seaver.
Jan. 9, 1731/2. Rebecca Abbot.
April 2, 1732 Steven Choate.
April 30, 1732. —
John Ruggles, owner of Pew No. 15, Third Meeting House.
Elizabeth Ruggles.
May 14, 1732. Mary Stevens.
June 18, 1732. James Tucker.
Aug. 20, 1732. Anna Heath.
Dec. 3, 1732. Joseph Heath, dismissed from North Yarmouth, owner of Pew No. 22, Third Meeting House.
Dec. 31, 1732. Nathaniel Walter, H. C. 1729.
May 27, 1733. Barnabas Wilson.
July 1, 1733. —
Joseph Gardiner.
Mary Gardiner.
Aug. 13, 1733. —
Joseph Williams, son of Joseph and ——— Williams, was born April 10, 1708, in Roxbury. He married (1) Martha Howell, (2) Hannah Dudley. He died May 26, 1798, in Roxbury. His life was one of great activity, devoted to the service of the town and his fellow citizens. No name occurs oftener in the town records than his. For many years Selectman. Frequently moderator of town meetings and active on committees. A member of the General Court. He won distinction in the French and Indian Wars and in the Revolution, whence his title of Colonel. He was perhaps one of the largest landholders in Roxbury, his estate extending on both sides of Centre St., from Cedar St. to Hog Bridge. He was elected Precinct Clerk of the Church March 12, 1738/9, and served forty-seven years. He was a member of the Precinct Committee from March 10, 1740/1 to 1788. He was owner of Pew No. 13, Third Meeting House.
Martha Williams, wife of Joseph.
Aug. 20, 1733. —
Col. Aaron Davis, son of Ebenezer and Hannah (White) Davis, born in Roxbury April 26, 1709, died June 11, 1777, m. Mary Perrin of Roxbury. Farmer in West Roxbury. Owned land in Cumberland Co., Maine. He was chosen to the various offices of town government and was selectman for many years. Representative in the first Provincial Congress convened at Concord

Oct. 5, 1774. Capt. of the 2nd Company of Minute men raised in the First Parish. Representative in the 2nd Provincial Congress and also in the 3rd, and instructed "That if the Honorable Congress should for the safety of the Colonies declare them independent of the Kingdom of Great Britain they the said inhabitants will solemnly engage to support them in the measure."

Mary Davis, wife of Aaron.

Aug. 26, 1733. —
Peter Seaver.
Hannah Seaver.

Oct. 11, 1733. —
Moses Davis.
Rebecca Davis.

Oct. 19, 1733. —
Thomas Cole.
Sarah Cole.

March 3, 1733/4. Abigail Table.

March 10, 1733/4. —
Daniel Bugbee.
Abigail Bugbee.

Nov. 10, 1734. —
Edward Bilbo.
Elizabeth Bilbo.
Richard Robertson.

Dec., 1734. Sarah Ames.

Dec. 16, 1734. John Bowles, junior.

March 23, 1735. —
Thomas Baker.
Hannah Baker.

April 12, 1735. Timothy Stevens.

April 28, 1735. —
Shubael Seaver.
Mary Seaver, wife of Shubael.

Nov. 16, 1735. Robert Loveren.

Feb. 7, 1735/6. —
Benjamin Eaton.
Sarah Eaton.

May 2, 1736. —
Ebenezer Payson.
Sarah Payson.

May 9, 1736. —
Ebenezer Crafts, see Deacons, Fourth Meeting House.
Susanna Crafts, wife of Ebenezer.

June 6, 1736. Samuel Griggs, owner of Pew No. 40, Third Meeting House.

July 4, 1736. —
Debora Warren.
Hannah Warren.

Nov. 17, 1736. —
Eleazer May.
Dorothy May.

Feb. 6, 1736/7. Caleb Richardson.

May 1, 1737. Mary Williams.

May 29, 1737. Ebenezer Dorr.

Sept., 1737. Hannah Goald.

Sept. 19, 1737. —
Noah Perrin, son of Noah and Patience (Walker) Perrin, born in Roxbury Jan. 18, 1708/9, died there Apr. 4, 1788, m. Margeret Heley. He was held in high esteem by his fellow townsmen, being repeatedly chosen to fill important offices. He was town treasurer for 29 years.
Mary Perrin.

Dec. 11, 1737. —
Increase Sumner.
Mary Sumner.

Jan. 8, 1737/8. Abigail Stevens.

Jan. 19, 1737/8. Abigail George.

April 16, 1738. Elizabeth Williams.

Aug. 13, 1738. Bethiah Parker.

Sept. 17, 1738. —
Rebecca Davis.
Mary Woods.

Oct. 23, 1738. John Holbrook, owner of Pew No. 12, Third Meeting House.
Jan. 6, 1738/9. —
Phillip Curtis, H. C. 1738.
Mary Curtis.
Feb. 25, 1738/9. Sarah Stevens.
Apr. 15, 1739. Susanna Crafts.
May 20, 1739. Joanna West.
May 27, 1739. —
Benjamin Draper.
Mary Draper.
June 24, 1739. Bethiah Scarborough.
Jan. 27, 1739/40. Rebecca Pendle, baptised adult.
March 16, 1739/40. —
Hopestill Monk.
Sarah Manser, baptised adult.
March 30, 1740. —
Lydia Manser, baptised adult.
Susanna Manser, baptised adult.
May 11, 1740. —
Robert Pierpont, dismissed to Old South Church, Boston, Jan. 6, 1771.
Hannah Pierpont.
Deborah Searle.
Sept. 7, 1740. —
Ambrose Searle.
Elizabeth Searle.
Oct.. 1740. Rebecca Choate.
May 3, 1741. Maria Walter.
May 17, 1741. Mary George.
July 19, 1741. —
Ralph Holbrook, owner of Pew No. 4, Third Meeting House.
John Salmon.
Dorothy Holbrook.
July 27, 1741. Bethiah Ramsel, baptised adult.
Aug. 14, 1741. Samuel Heath, owner of Pew No. 20, Third Meeting House.
Aug. 30, 1741. —
James Shed, owner of Pew No. 31, Third Meeting House.
Mary Shed.

The Third Meeting House

1741–1744

PASTOR

Rev. Mr. Nehemiah Walter

DEACONS

Edward Ruggles Samuel Gridley

PRECINCT CLERK

Joseph Williams, elected Feb. 20, 1738/9.

PRECINCT TREASURER

Joseph Warren, elected March 20, 1737/8.

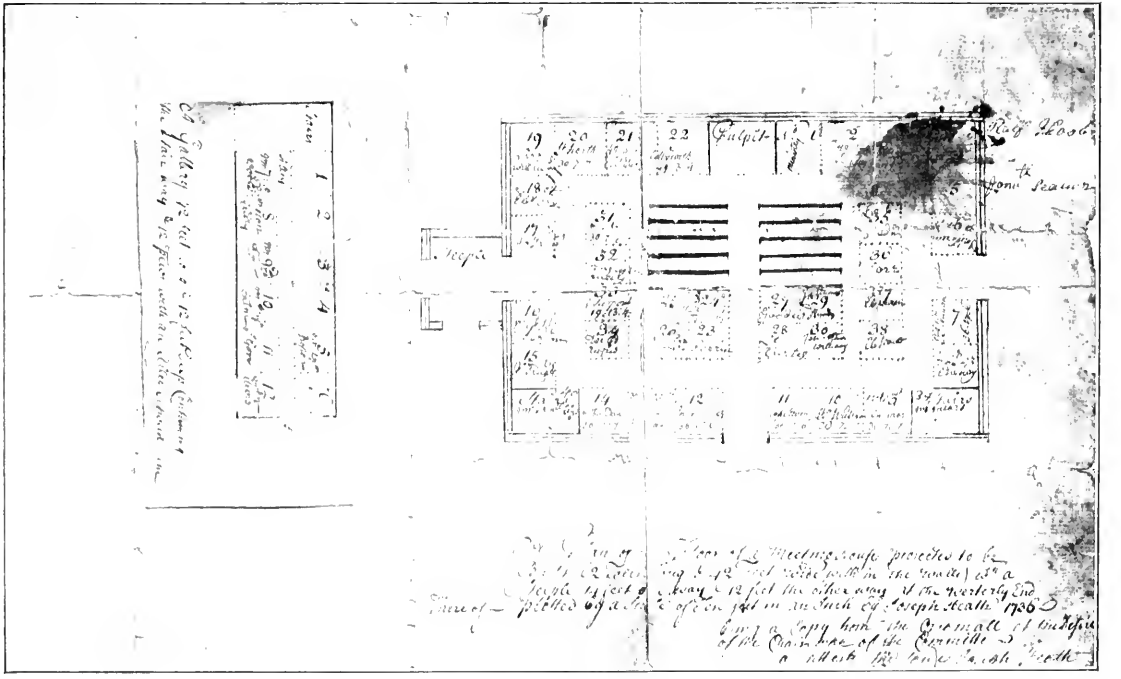
PRECINCT COMMITTEES

Elected March 24, 1741/2

Ebenezer Pierpont
Capt. Joseph Ruggles Joseph Williams

Elected March 21, 1742/3

Ebenezer Pierpont
Joseph Williams Lt. Samuel Williams



PLAN OF THE THIRD MEETING HOUSE.

THE THIRD MEETING HOUSE

THE New Meeting House was raised June 25 & 26, 1740, according to the Diary of Paul Dudley, and it was completed during the summer of 1741, as, at the first meeting held in it Aug. 31, 1741, Mr. Ebenezer Newell, Mr. Shubal Sever, Mr. Daniel Bugbee, Capt. Joseph Ruggles and Mr. John Ruggles were chosen a committee to seat the said meeting house, and at the same meeting it was proposed that the westerly corner of the meeting house be a place provided for the negroes to set in so as not to intrude on the pews in the said West Galleries.

The owners of the Pews in the New Meeting House were to be as follows:

		Cost £	*s.*	*d.*
Pew No. 1.	The Ministry			
2.	Hon. Paul Dudley, Esq.	49	3	4
3.	Col. Joshua Lamb	49	3	4
4.	Ralph Holbrook	28	5	5
5.	Jonathan Seaver	28	5	5
6.	Joseph Warren	30	7	7
7.	John Williams	36	17	6
8.	Ebenezer Cheaney	28	5	5
9.	Edward Sumner	30	7	7
10.	Lft. Samuel Williams	36	17	6
11.	Capt. Samuel Stevens	36	17	6
12.	Ensign John Holbrook	36	17	6
13.	Joseph Williams	30	7	7
14.	Ebenezer Davis	30	7	7
15.	John Ruggles	28	5	5
16.	Capt. John Richardson	24	11	8
17.	Capt. Joseph Ruggles	24	11	8
18.	Ebenezer Craft	28	5	5

		cost. £	s.	d.
Pew No. 19.	Mrs. Dorothy Williams	24	11	8
20.	Lt. Samuel Heath	36	17	6
21.	Eleazer Williams	49	3	4
22.	Col. Joseph Heath	49	3	4
23.	Noah Perrin	22	2	6
24.	Nathaniel Williams	36	17	6
25.	John Bowles	22	2	6
26.	Stephen Williams, afterwards Richard Gardner	18	8	9
27.	Capt. John Goddard	24	11	8
28.	Lft. Isaac Curtis	28	5	5
29.	John Williams, Jr.	19	13	4
30.	Jonathan Williams	18	8	9
31.	James Shead	30	7	7
32.	Ensign Ebenezer May	22	2	6
33.	Mr. Ebenezer Pierpont	19	13	4
34.	Dea. Edward Ruggles	18	8	9
35.	Lft. Caleb Steadman	30	7	7
36.	Capt. Ebenezer Dorr	22	2	6
37.	Ebenezer Warren	19	13	4
38.	Ebenezer Seaver	19	13	4
39.	James Mears	19	13	4
40.	Samuel Griggs	19	13	4

And in the Gallery

Pew No. 1.	Not drawn			
2.	Not drawn			
3.	Not drawn			
4.	Not drawn			
5.	William Bosson	8	0	0
6.	Not drawn			
7.	Jno. Woods	12	0	0
8.	Dea. Samuel Gridley	12	0	0
9.	Edward Dorr	12	0	0
10.	Benjamin Eaton	12	0	0
11.	Samuel Gore	12	0	0
12.	Jeams Jervis	12	0	0

For as much as many of the people were of the opinion that neither their giving Bond for the price of their pews nor being put into present possession of them was such an ample

and good title as they ought to have, Therefore in consideration of the power given the committee chosen in 1736 to dispose of the Pews and to give a good title to them (subject to the exceptions and restraints made and provided in by another vote of the Precinct at the same meeting) and in consideration also of the several sums of money for which they had given their bonds, the remainder of this committee consisting of Joseph Heath, Joshua Lamb, Samuel Stevens, Shubal Seaver, Ebenezer Newell, Samuel Williams, James Shead, Eleazer Williams, Ebenezer Pierpont, Joseph Ruggles, John Ruggles did on Dec. 29, 1741, for themselves in their said capacity and in the name and behalf of the Precinct assign, deliver, convey, and confirm to each and every of the said Persons the Respective pew now in his Possession as the same is numbered and annexed to his name in the written list of schedule to be to him his heirs and assigns (except as above) to have and to hold, possess, occupy and enjoy the same without any manner of lett or mollestation forever.

The old meeting house not having been torn down in Feb., 1741/2, it was proposed to sell it, and during that year (1742) it was sold for £100.

As this the Third Meeting House proved to be not quite satisfactory in some respects, just what is not mentioned, and as the carpenters Messrs. Dickson, Pierpont and Baker had sustained some loss by building it, the £100 which the old meeting house brought was given to these carpenters.

Frequent attempts had been made to settle a colleague minister but without avail and all the precinct would consent to do was to procure help for Mr. Walter.

In 1743 the necessary expenses were as follows: — Rev. Nehemiah Walter salary, £100; as a gift, £60; cutting and carting firewood for Mr. Walter, £30; Ringing bell and

sweeping, £10; for help for Mr. Walter, &c., £150; Treasurer's salary, £5.

On the Lord's day, Feb. 26, 1743/4, soon after Divine service in the afternoon, a fire broke out in this Meeting House by which this large and costly building was burnt to the ground. It occurred as 'twas thought by a stove accidentally upset with fire in it unperceived which was left in a Pew after the assembly was dismissed.

The congregation worshipped in the Brick School House until a new meeting house was built.

CHURCH MEMBERS

Oct. 7, 1741. —
Abigail Dorr.
Sarah Dorr.

Jan. 24, 1742. Lucy Winthrop.

Jan. 31, 1742. Samuel Williams.

Feb. 14, 1742. —
Jeffrey, Bristol, Guinea, } negroes, baptised.

March 21, 1742. —
Ebenezer Eaton.
Susanna Woods.

April 18, 1742. —
Mary Draper.
Abigail Parker.

May 2, 1742. Joseph Curtis.

May 30, 1742. —
James Pierpont.
Samuel May.
Abigail Robinson.

June 13, 1742. Nathaniel Sumner, H. C. 1739.

July 11, 1742. Robert Lee.

Aug. 15, 1742. Sarah Sumner.

Sept. 26, 1742. Samuel Sumner.

Oct. 2, 1742. Sarah Cole.

Nov. 1, 1742. —
Joanna Ruggles.
Elizabeth Ruggles.
Sarah Payson.

Nov. 14, 1742. —
Nathaniel Felton, constable.
Hannah Felton.

Jan. 16, 1743. John Giles, from Old South Church, Boston.

Jan. 23, 1743. Phillis, a negro, baptised.

March 6, 1742/3. —
Sarah Williams.
Mary Williams.

May 15, 1743. Priscilla Gore.

June 26, 1743. Elizabeth Crafts.

July 10, 1743. Ebenezer Newel.

July 24, 1743. Benjamin Curtis.

Sept. 18, 1743. Susan Perrin.

ADMITTED IN BRICK SCHOOL HOUSE.

April 1, 1744. —
Abraham Woodward.
Sarah Woodward.

June 3, 1744. —
Thomas Grigs.
Margaret Grigs.
Jeremiah Parker.
Mary Parker.

Aug. 26, 1744. —
Jeremy Williams.
Catharine Williams.

Sept. 2, 1744. —
Samuel Clark.
Mary Clark.

Nov. 25, 1744. —
Jacob Reeves.
Abigail Reeves.

Jan. 13, 1745. Samuel Healey.
Jan. 27, 1745. Elizabeth Weld.
March 3, 1745. Edward Ruggles.
April 7, 1745. Martha Perrin.
May, 1745. Guinea, negro servant, maid to Judge Dudley.
May 31, 1745. Edward Dorr.
July 28, 1745. Ebenezer Bodoono.
Sept. 15, 1745. Elizabeth Heath.
Oct. 27, 1745. Abigail Sumner.
Dec. 15, 1745. Ebenezer Gore.
May 27, 1746. William Bosson, junior.

The Fourth Meeting House

1744–1803

PASTORS

Rev. Mr. Nehemiah Walter
Rev. Mr. Oliver Peabody
Rev. Mr. Amos Adams
Rev. Dr. Eliphalet Porter

DEACONS

Edward Ruggles
Samuel Gridley
Stephen Williams
Ebenezer Craft
William Gridley
Samuel Sumner
David Weld
Nehemiah Munroe
Joshua Felton

PRECINCT CLERK

Joseph Williams, elected March 12, 1738/9

PARISH CLERKS

Title changed April 23, 1788

Thomas Clarke, elected April 23, 1788
Nathaniel Ruggles, elected April 29, 1793

PRECINCT TREASURERS

Joseph Warren, elected March 20, 1737/8
William Heath, elected Nov. 12, 1755
Deacon Samuel Gridley, elected June 4, 1762
Deacon William Gridley, elected March 29, 1774
Joseph Ruggles, elected April 14, 1783

PARISH TREASURER

Title changed April 23, 1788

Joseph Ruggles, elected April 23, 1788

PRECINCT COMMITTEES

Elected March 21, 1743/4

Ebenezer Pierpont
Samuel Williams Joseph Williams

Elected March 20, 1748/9

Ebenezer Pierpont
Joseph Williams Ebenezer Newell

Elected March 21, 1749/50

John Richardson
Joseph Williams Noah Perrin, Jr.

Elected March 20, 1750/1

Joseph Williams
Noah Perrin, Jr. Ebenezer Newell

Elected March 30, 1757

Joseph Williams
Eleazer Williams Ebenezer Pierpont

Elected March 28, 1758

Joseph Williams
Benjamin Felton Ebenezer Newell

Elected March 27, 1759

JOSEPH WILLIAMS

EBENEZER NEWELL NATHANIEL FELTON

Elected March 30, 1768

JOSEPH WILLIAMS

NATHANIEL FELTON WILLIAM HEATH

Elected March 27, 1771

JOSEPH WILLIAMS

NATHANIEL FELTON AARON DAVIS

Elected April 8, 1776

JOSEPH WILLIAMS

NATHANIEL RUGGLES INCREASE SUMNER

Elected April 8, 1778

JOSEPH WILLIAMS

INCREASE SUMNER WILLIAM BOWMAN

Elected April 14, 1783

COL. JOSEPH WILLIAMS

NOAH PERRIN CAPT. JOSEPH WILLIAMS

Elected April 12, 1784

NOAH PERRIN

COL. JOSEPH WILLIAMS THOMAS CLARKE

PARISH COMMITTEES

Title changed April 23, 1788

Elected April 23, 1788

THOMAS CLARKE

JOSEPH RUGGLES RALPH SMITH

Elected April 29, 1793

JOSEPH RUGGLES

DEACON NEHEMIAH MUNROE JOHN CURTIS

Elected Nov. 11, 1793

JOSEPH RUGGLES

DEACON NEHEMIAH MUNROE MOSES DAVIS RICE CURTIS

Elected July 10, 1794

JOSEPH RUGGLES

DEACON NEHEMIAH MUNROE NATHANIEL RUGGLES

SEXTONS

Deacon Samuel Gridley	elected March 20, 1744/5
William Blaney	served from 1761 to 1768
Aaron Blaney	served from 1769 to 1774
Samuel Croxford	served from 1775 to 1782
Stephen Mills	served from 1782 to 1784
Thomas Nolen, Jr.	served from 1784 to 1786
John Maxfield	served from 1787 to 1792
Edmund Grindall Weld	served from 1793 to 1795
Edward Turner	served from Feb. 27, 1796 to 1804

THE FOURTH MEETING HOUSE

THE Third Meeting House was destroyed by fire Feb. 26th, 1743/4, and a meeting of the precinct or parish was held March 22, 1743/4, to see what was to be done. At this meeting it was voted that Mr. John Walley with the two Deacons (Edward Ruggles and Samuel Gridley) be a committee chosen to wait on our Reverend Pastor Mr. Nehemiah Walter and under his wise Direction to proceed and apply to such of the neighboring ministers as may be thought best that they would lay before the several Congregations of there Ryspective Charges the Difficult Sircumstances of the precinct under the late awfull Providence (by fire) in order to obtain such help and Relief from them, as they shall in there Goodness think fit to Grant us, and also that they (our precinct) proceed with all Convenient speed to build a new meeting house and that they would build said meeting House on the Spot where our late New meeting House stood and of the same Dimentions as our late meeting House and have the Same Number of windows as was in our late meeting house but the Glass be 7 by 9. In Case Good London Crown can be procured of such Dementions. Also there be the same Number of Pews on the floor and of the same Dementions and the same Number of pews in the Gallerie as in our late New Meeting house.

For building the New Meeting House there was raised:

	£	s.	d.
On the Pews in 1744	1500	00	0
Tax on the inhabitants in 1744	976	17	8
Tax on the inhabitants in 1745	494	19	0
	2971	16	8

and by sundry gifts as follows:

	£	s.	d.
The Hon. Paul Dudley, Esq.	120	9	10
William Bowdoin, Esq.	20	0	0
Josiah Willard, Esq.	6	0	0
Capt. Joshua Loring	5	0	0
Decon Stone of Newton	2	0	0
The Town of Milton	17	4	0
The old Parrish at Dedham	12	0	7
	3154	11	1
Sundry abatements to poor persons	83	11	8
	3070	19	5
Cost of building the New Meeting House	2905	17	10
The Remains are	165	1	7

which were then in the hands of

	£	s.	d.
Mr. Constable Griggs	145	5	0
Mr. William Cheney	12	0	0
Mr Sam'l Gore	10	6	8

The aoove was submitted by the Committee chosen to build the New Meeting House April 15, 1746.

The necessary aid having been received, the Fourth Meeting House was completed in 1746 upon the same plan as its predecessor, the meetings having been held meanwhile in the brick school house.

Judge Paul Dudley provided a handsome porch. Col. Joseph Heath gave a New Church Clock or Time Peace.

The main entrance of this house, in front of which was a large flat circular stone, faced the south, and was in the centre of the building. The tower and belfry were as at present, the gallery entrance being also there. In addition to the belfry a spire and vane were erected. The pulpit was on the northerly side. There were the same number of pews on the floor and of the same Dementions as were in the previous

building and also the same number in the galleries. Some of the pews were square, and the seats so made as to fold up when the people stood up at prayer, at the close of which they would come down with a clatter, fun for the boys, who thus responded to the amen.

In front, the place of honor, were two body pews (so called) assigned to strangers and the poor of the parish.

The women's gallery was partitioned from the men's in a parellel line with the front gallery fore seat. The hindermost seat in the front gallery was made into a pew and purchased by the following young men under the same regulations with the Proprietors of the other pews: — James Pierpont, John Richardson, Junr, John Gore Jr., Paul Gore, Edwd. Preston, Eb. Pierpont, Junr, Saml May, Daniel Williams, Saml. Williams, Junr., Edwd Ruggles Junr, Jon Curtis, Daniel Seaver, Saml Weld, Benj. Sumner, Benj. Curtis, Saml Gridley Junr., and the charge of building said Pew was the Purchase Price.

March 20, 1744/5, Deacon Samuel Gridley was chosen to have care of the meeting house.

The precinct allowed Joseph Weld, son of Edmond Weld, sum consideration for Ringing the School bell on Sabbath Days for the Benefit of the precinct the year past and proposed the said Joseph go about from Place to place and collect as persons may be disposed to give.

In Aug., 1749, the precinct chose a committee consisting of Capt. Eleaz. Williams, Capt. Joseph Williams and Mr. Ebenezer Pierpont to wait on their Rev. aged Pastor and to desire him to lay before the church the desire of the precinct to have a suitable orthodox minister called and settled as a colleague with Mr. Walter. In the following March the Church made choice of Mr. Oliver Peabody, who had been settled over the little missionary church in Natick, as a

Colleague minister with their Rev^{d}. aged Pastor, but the congregation did not at once concur as they first desired to hear him for the space of six weeks. In the following May the congregation concurred by a majority of votes (vizt. fortey Two Votes for Mr. Peabody and Twenty Three blanks), and a committee consisting of Dea. Edw. Ruggles, Mr. Ebenezer Pierpont and Capt. Eleaz^{r} Williams representing the church, and Capt. Ralph Holbrook and Ensign Ebenezer Cheney representing the congregation were chosen to wait upon Mr. Oliver Peabody to acquaint him of their choice.

Mr. Peabody accepted the call, and a committee of five consisting of Mr. Ebenezer Pierpont, Col. Joseph Heath, Col. Joshua Lamb and the two Deacons were chosen to consult with Mr. Peabody upon a time for his Ordination.

As a settlement for Mr. Peabody £1200 old tenor was granted by the precinct and £80 as a yearly sallery and 15 cords of wood during the life of our Rev. aged Pastor and such further sum as ye parrish shall think convenient after his Decease so long as said Mr. Peabody shall continue our minister.

Rev. Mr. Nehemiah Walter died Sept. 17, 1750, and on the 19th a committee consisting of Capt. Eleaz^{r} Williams, Capt. John Richardson, Capt. Ebenezer Dorr, Capt. Saml Stevens and Deacon Edwd Ruggles were chosen to have the oversight of the funeral for our late Rev. aged Pastor, Mr. Nehemiah Walter (Deacon Saml Gridley was especially obliged to attend on other business). In Oct. it was voted to raise £230 9*s*. old tenor "to Defrey the charge of the funerall of our late Rev. aged pastor Mr. Nehemiah Walter Deceased."

On Oct. 8, 1750, a committee consisting of Lt. Sam'l Heath, Mr. Increase Sumner, Lt. Ebenezer Newell, Lt. Eben-

ezer Cheney, Mr. Benj. May was chosen to have charge of the ordination of Mr. Peabody, who was ordained Nov. 7, 1750, the cost of which was £132 9*s.* 7*d.* old Tenor.

In 1751 the precinct voted money for the support of Madam Walter giving her £500 and quarterly contribution voted last March for Mr. Walter and £650 also. They also voted to change the Lecture Day from Tuesdays to Fridays before our Sacrament. In March, 1752, the precinct voted 8 cords of wood for Madam Walter and 12 cords for Rev. Mr. Oliver Peabody. During this year Coll. Joseph Heath presented a Church Bible to the precinct.

Rev. Mr. Oliver Peabody died May 29, 1752, and the cost of the funeral expenses was £81 1*s.* old Tenor. June 22, 1752, a committee was chosen to supply the pulpit.

Ebenezer Pierpont, Deacon Edward Ruggles and Mr. Joseph Warren were chosen a committee to wait upon Madam Dudley Respecting a Donation or legacy given to this Precinct by the Hon. Paul Dudley, Esq., Late of Roxbury and if it may be receive the same for the use of the Precinct.

At a meeting of the Precinct held Feb. 28, 1753, Deacon Edward Ruggles presided as moderator and it was probably his last official connection with this church as he removed to Cambridge soon after.

At this meeting the congregation unanimously concurred with the church in the choice of Mr. Amos Adams as Pastor, and a committee was appointed to wait upon Mr. Adams. As a settlement it was voted to give him £1200 old Tenor, being £400 for each year for three years and £90 as a sallery with 20 cords of wood and the loose money put into the box be annually granted so soon as he shall settle with us and have a family. Mr. Adams accepted the call as follows:

H. College March ye 27, 1753.

To the First Church of Christ and Inhabitants of the First Parish in Roxbury . . . . .

Christian Friends: For as much as it has pleased God who orders the bounds of every ones habitation in the Cource of his providence to Bring me among you and after Humble Supplication to Heaven, for Guidance & Direction in the choice of a minister; You have Been Inclined to Give me an Invitation to take the Pastoral Charge and over Sight of you in the Lord (of the honour and Respect you Have Done me therein I am not Insensible) I have made these matters, the Subject of my Serious Consideration, with an Eye to the fountain of wisdom for Direction I have Also consulted those who we Trust are hearty Friends to the Kingdom of Jesus Christ and Considering the Happy unanimity at Present Subsisting among you, I can Chearfully and by these lines do Signify my acceptance of your Invitation to settle among you in the work of the Gospel ministry upon the Terms Proposed—

and Since God is thus Bringing us into so near a relation may it be the foundation of much peace and Happiness to both you and me — Cease not my Dear friends to Beseech the Head of the Church to Give me that portion of his spirit and Grace to assist and Strengthen me that I may Speak as becomes Sound Doctrine and Conduct my Selfe in the whole of my ministry; with that wisdom and Prudence that fidellity and meakness which becomes a minister of the Gospell. That I may save my own Soul and the Souls of those Committed to my Charge. Pray preserve the unity of the Spirit in the Bond of peace. Live in peace; and the God of Love & Peace shall be with you; and may be all Be Brought in Due Time to Rejoyce together in the Kingdom of Glory to Eternity and be mutual Possessors of that Kingdom which is Incorruptable, undefiled, and that fadeth not away.

I am Your Servant in the Gospel of Jesus Christ

Amos Adams.

In March, 1753, the precinct voted to build a spire on the steeple of the meeting house the cost being £68 15*s.* 2½*d.* —£515 14*s.* 1*d.* old tenor. On the Lord's day, Sept. 2, 1753, the congregation in the Old South Church, Boston, was stayed and a Letter read from the 1st Church in Roxbury desiring their Assistance in Council at the Ordination of Mr. Amos Adams. Granted. Messengers, Our Brethren that are or have been of the (Governor's) Council, the Deacons

and Messrs. Edward Broomfield and Isaac Walker. Mr. Adams was ordained Sept. 12, 1753. Oct. 14, 1753, the Church was stayed & the question was put whether the custom of asking for Publick Testimony for such as are admitted to communion shall be henceforth disused in this church & it passed in the affirmative. Nov. 30, 1753, Two Deacons were chosen, Deacon Stephen Williams (formerly Deacon of the 2d Ch. in this town) and Brother Ebenezer Craft in the room of Deacon Ruggles removed to Cambridge.

In 1754 a committee consisting of the three Deacons with Capt. Sam'l Stevens, Capt. Eleazer Williams, and Sam'l Heath were chosen to obtain subscriptions towards purchasing a Bell for the meeting house. On Oct. 3, 1754, it was "Proposed wheather it be the Desire of this precinct that there may be no fire brought into this meeting by stoves and passed in the affirmative.

In 1755 the old bell was sent to England to be recast as per following letter of instructions:

Sr. We herewith Deliver to your care the remains of our old Bell "amt To Two hundred & Eighty weight (or thereabouts) Neet which we Desire you would Take due care to ship for Great Brittain by the first opportunity in order to its Being Cast with the needfull addition into a new Bell of Between five & six hundred weight. The size we apprehend suitable for our steeple; and wish it may return with speed for our use. When we will Endever You shall receive the Just Ballance that may be due with our Gratefull acknowledgements for all favours. Desiring You would use Your Dycrefsion respecting Insurence as well as Dispatch; which is all needfull from Sr Your Humble Servants; In The name and Behalf of the First Prect or Parish in Roxbury

Jo Williams
Noah Perrin } Prect Comtte

Roxbury Sept. Ye 1, 1755
To Mr. Thos Gunter — merchant.

In 1756 the precinct voted to have the Deck on the Top of the steeple sufficiently leded and also to have a frame to hang the new Bell upon.

In March, 1758, Mr. William Blaney was directed to remove the chairs that stand By the front Doer and Encumber the passageway.

At the precinct or parish meeting held March 27, 1759, it was proposed "wheather the precinct In Consideration of the Extreordinary price of provision at this present day and in answer to the memorial of our s^{d} Rev. Pastor respecting the Difficulty of Supporting his family, will make him any consideration Voted the sum of Ten pounds money be granted."

The addition of Ten pounds was made each year until 1762 when he wrote to the precinct as follows:

Roxbury, March 29 1762

My Brethren: I may not omit this Opportunity of thanking you for the punctual Payment of my Salary, as also for the additional Ten Pounds which I have received: I likewise heartily thank those of you who have afforded me private Benefactions; these I receive as the kind Testimonials of your Affection, and they have been a considerable assistance to me in the support of my Family.

I have understood that it hath been Intimated by some, that I am growing rich, and laying up money for my Family; Justice therefore to myself and compassion for my Family require me to set that matter in a true Light.

I have now recd. from you Nine years salary. I do not know how it was possible for me or my family to live with greater care & Frugality, both as to clothing & provisions, than we have lived, consistent with that Decency, which I know you would have your minister preserve. I have neither right Title claim or Interest in any real Estate in the World, besides the Half Acre on which my little Barn and unfinished, unadorned House do stand, I have neither clock in my house, nor Watch in my Pocket, nor a Horse to ride on; neither have I any way the means of purchasing one, nor have I cash to the value of £3. L. M. and on the Balance of Accounts, I can assure you, I do owe £250. O. Tenor more than I have due me in the World. . . . I cannot think it unreasonable to propose that my salary be fully made good according to the expences of a Family; I am sure if you were able to give Me £90 p. annum When I settled you are able to afford me at least the full Value of that now, — and Would it not be hard in so antient and able a Parish as this to be obliged to live in a pinching manner, and notwithstanding be unable to lay up anything for my Family — forgive the Thot; I am perswaded you are unwilling this should ever be the Case —

The affecting Providence of God in taking away in so awful a Manner my Firstborn & dear Son (I remember the wormwood and the Gall) I desire may teach me not to be too greatly distressed for my Family; children are Tender plants easily cut down; but is it possible for a faithful Husband & Tender Father to consider a prudent Wife and his dear children liable, whenever their head is taken away, to be scattered in the World without any provision for feeding and clothing them, as is now the real condition of Mine?

Am I unworthy? let me ask your compassion to my wife and children, who I am sure have never forfeited your regards.

I am deeply sensible I have done nothing to Claim your favours. If my poor Imperfect services meet with any degree of acceptance from any of you it is as much as I could expect — If I have done anything acceptable to my Master I adore the Grace that will accept & reward an unprofitable servt.

If my Ministrations have been of Spiritual profit to any amongst us, (give the glory to God) I account that my labour hath not been in vain in the Lord.

I am your unworthy servt in the Gospel

Amos Adams.

At the above meeting held March 27, 1759 it was Proposed, " Wheather they would come into any method to Build a pew or pews in the hindermost Seat in the mens Gallery at or near the South Easterly corner of the meeting house in said Prec't and Pass in the affirmative and voted that the Prect Committee be and hereby are Impowered (on a Suteable number of Young men applycation for Liberty to build a pew or pews at the place or places afforesaid). To agree with and Grant them Liberty to build the afforesaid pew or pews and to hold and Ocupey the same as there property on Such Terms as the pews in our late new meeting house were held. Wee who are hereafter mentioned Do agree to Compleet the said seat in a hansom manner with your consent that we have and enjoy the same acording to the Vote of the Prect." The above was signed by Jonathan Hall, Caleb Howard, Aaron Davis, H. Howell Williams, Moses Dorr, John Bowen Junr., Joseph

Williams Junr., Francis Dana, Lemuel May, Ebenezr Dorr Tertius, Stephen Williams, John Davis Williams and they were approved by the Prect Committee.

At the same time and for the same purpose another petition was presented signed by Richard Leathbridg, James Orr, Jona Hall. In 1762 as the bell purchased in 1755 was no longer fit for use they voted to have a new bell as near the pattern of ye Rev. Mr. Boyles bell as may be and the next year they purchased it weighing 6. 3. 26 and its entire cost including freight on the old bell metal was £22 0*s*. 1*d*. Abel Rudhall of Gloucester, England, made it. A grateful acknowledgment was made by the Precinct to Mr. William Jones Marchant in Bristol who generously gave the Precinct all his trouble and Commissions in this affair and to the Hon. James Bowdoin, Esq., who had given the precinct a quantity of Bell mettle towards the charge of the aforesaid new bell (being about one hundred weight of mettle) and to Isaac Winslow, Esq., for his assistance in serving the precinct by writing to his friend Mr. Jones afforesaid, respecting the procuring said new bell. They voted to have the same hung on the top of the Tower where the Late new Bell was hung, and that the precinct Committee be Desired to Imploye sum faithfull workmen to do all that may be thought needful to Brace and Strengthen the Steeple in the best manner they are able to do and that the sum of Twenty pounds be granted and raised in the usual manner as soon as may be to Defrey the charges thereof and other necessary charges in the precinct ye year ensuing.

In 1763 the three seats to the right of the clock in the center of the gallery (lately occupied by them) were appropriated for "such persons as are and may be inclined to sit together for the purpose of singing on Lords Days and other times of Divine Service" and that they have Liberty to

make such alterations for their own convenience as may be thought needful so as not to marr or hurt the house.

In 1764 there were three stones one at each door of the porch on the South side of the meeting house. In this year the precinct voted £90 salary for our Rev. Pastor Mr. Adams and the further sum of £10 as a gift in consideration of the price of provisions and £16 for his firewood. Also £30 for sweeping and Taking care of the meeting house and to Defrey other charges in the precinct the year ensuing. At the annual meeting in March the Petition was presented of Daniel Bugbe, John Bowing, Jonathan Davis and Aaron Davis " Humbly Shewing that wheirias it is Generally thought that the foure hind seats in the body of our meeting house might be very well spaired and no waise Discommode it; but be ornamentall to have foure Pews built in theire Roome — we theirefore Desire that you woold take it into your Consideration and if in your great wisdome you thinck fit: you woold Grant Liberty to your Petitioners to Erect foure Pews for the use of theire familcys in those seats in so doing you will oblidge youre Petetioners; and they as in Duty bound shall ever pray."

At a meeting held in May, 1764, it was Voted "that Mess. Aaron Davis, Capt. John Williams and Mr. Nath[l] Felton be a committee to regulate and seat the Several seats in ye meeting house By Desireing so many Elderly persons to come down out of the Gallery as to fill up the Body Seats Below." Then enquiray was made respecting the pews occup[d] by Mess. Thomas Bell and Jno. Pierpont & others and Mr. Bell being present was questioned concerning his occuping the late Capt. Jarvis[s] Pew and answered That as Mrs. Jarvis had not Disposed of her estate in the Town he thought himself Intitled to set in the Pew on such Terms as she and he might agree and had accordingly set in the

said Pew with his family. A committee was immediately chosen to enquire into the Disposition of the Pews supposed to be disposed of contrary to the votes of the Parish and to make report at the anniversary meeting in March next ensuing, at which meeting the committee reported that Lt. William Cheeney had made an offer of the Prec^{t} or there com^{tte} of the pew now occup^{d} by Mr. John Pierpont.

Sept. 20, 1768. This church and Congregation in conjunction with other churches unanimously agreed to keep this day as a day of fasting and prayer in the present threatening state of public affairs.

At a meeting held in March, 1772, a petition was presented signed by Thomas Williams, Ebenezer Dorr, Aaron Davis Jr., Sam'l Sumner, Thadeus Partridge, Willm Bosson, Caleb Hayward, Sam'l Sumner Jr., Edwd Sumner, John Woods, James Mears, Benj^{a} Curtis, Stephen Williams, which showed that it was their earnest desire to have a good Clock to the Meeting House and for that purpose humbly prayed that the precinct would set of and make four new pews from of the Body seats two on each side so as to include the ally on the side of the Body seats in said pues and that these pues when finished may be Disposed of in such way and Manner as the Committee or inhabitants of said precinct shall think Best, that the money which the said pues shall be so sold for may be applied towards the Purchasing the said clock for an Ornament for the said Meeting House. That the attendance at the services was increasing is shown by the fact that a meeting was called in February, 1774, to consider a proposal to enlarge the Meeting House. The proposal was for an addition of about 30 feet in length at the Easterly End of said House, said addition to be made without weakening or injuring the house or in any manner spoiling its proportion; and the whole cost or expense of

such an alteration or addition being on a moderate computation £333 6*s* 8*d*. which a sufficient number of subscribers appear to pay. The Petitioners named below will take and receive the new pews or seats subject to the following regulations:

(1) That there be 24 new pews on the floor equal in bigness to those in the present house.

(2) That the additional room in the Gallery be offered to the Precinct with the seats or pews Built compleet and finished if they shall choose it at the sum of £57 10*s*. or otherwise that there be 10 pews built in the Gallery to be Disposed of by the Petitioners under Due regulations so as to raise the said sum.

(3) That moving the Pulpit, seats, pews and porches &c be done without any expense to the Precinct.

(4) That those persons who have seats removed shall have liberty to take the same situation in the new house from the Pulpit.

(5) That the timber windows and all the stuff that may be taken out of the easterly end of the present house be allowed to help make the addition.

(6) If there be more subscribers than can be accomodated then those to be admitted first who stand highest on the Precinct role of Valuation for their own estates.

(7) That the pews pay the whole expense of the addition and alteration (in case Ten are built in the Gallery) otherwise to pay all the expense (except only £57 10*s*.). To be paid by the Precinct if they shall choose to retain the Galleries for seats or to their own use.

(8) If there should not be a sufficient number of subscribers appear at first those pews that are not taken up shall be the Property of the subscribers to be disposed of under the Direction of the Parish Committee.

(9) That if any Person or Persons should at any time hereafter Incline to Dispose of his or there Pew or Pews they shall be under the same regulations of those in the Present house and make the first offer to the Precinct or their Committee by the space of one month before such Disposal.

(10) That one half the money for the addition be paid by the subscribers, within one week after the Building be raised and the remainder when the Precinct Committee shall judge the work is completed.

(11) That if any of the subscribers shall be in arrears for their pew three months after the house is finished: it shall be in the power of the subscribers to sell the same with the approbation of the Parish Committee.

(12) In case the work be not completed without Troubling the subscribers on or before the last day of Oct., A.D., 1774, then those persons who have subscribed may be at Liberty to make the agreement void.

(13) The 24 pews added on the lower floor to be all of a price: Numbered and Drawn by a lottery by such persons as shall appear and subscribe for them agreeable to the before mentioned conditions and Regulations.

(14) In case the Precinct should not Incline to keep the Room in ye Galleries to themselves; Neither in seats nor pews at the sum of fifty seven pounds ten shillings lawfull money above mentioned. Then the same shall belong to the said Twenty four persons to be made into pews and Disposed of for their advantage under the regulations afforesaid.

(15) As it is always intended and so to be understood that the said Twenty four persons to whom the said pews on the floor shall be assigned are to be answerable for all the cost and charge of said addition to the House (except as before excepted)

Moses Davis	Aaron Davis
Stephen Williams	James Mears
William Bowman	Susanna Davis
Caleb Hayward	Thos. Wyman
John Greaton, Jr.	John Bowen
Nehemiah Munroe	Aaron Blaney
Nath[l] Eaton	Samuel Langley
Jonathan Patten	Ebenezer Cheney
Joseph Smith	John Slack
Jonathan Parker	Sam'l Whittemore
Jeremiah Parker, Jr.	and by the Parish vote
James White	Jos. Williams for
Richard Lethbridge	William Dudley
Adam Pattie	Aaron Davis
Stephen Williams	for Ebenezer Davis
Ralph Smith	Nath. Ruggles
Ebenezer Wales	Abijah Sever.

The precinct took the gallery room and made it into seats All the above votes passed.

May 12, 1774, a petition was signed by Stephen Williams 2[nd], Moses Davis, W[m] Bowman, Caleb Hayward, Stephen Williams, Adam Pattie, Thad. Partridge, and addressed to the Committee of the first Precinct or Parish which humbly

requested them to notify and call a meeting of all the freeholders and inhabitants of said Precinct Quallif[d] to vote in Precinct affairs To assemble at the meeting house in said Precinct on friday the Twentieth day of May instant at five of the clock in ye afternoon then and there to know whether they will give Liberty to open the said meeting house in or near the middle so as to build ye proposed new addition of thirty feet in the middle of the said house.

March 29, 1775, it was Voted that Messrs Thomas Clarke, Samuel Croxford, John Porker, Ezekiel Jones, Benj[a] Stevens, Jacob Whittemore, Jabez Parter, John Smith, Ebenezer Smith, John Hopkins and Mathew Davis be and hereby are allowed to have and hold the new Pew at the Westerly End of the front Gallery built in the place of the hind seat on their paying to the prect or their committee thirteen shillings & four pence each for their seat in the said pew and being obliged to give the first offer thereof to the Precinct for the same sum in case they shall incline to Dispose thereof at any time hereafter by the space of one month next before they shall sell the same.

No public meetings were held in the meeting house between March 29, 1775, and April 8, 1776.

No religious meetings could be held here while the siege of Boston lasted, and the building was used as a signal station for the army. A constant and conspicuous target for the British cannon, the meeting house was pierced through in many places, one ball passing through the belfry. The pews and the bell had been taken out by the parish committee, and the communion plate carried by Rev. Mr. Adams to Medfield.

April 8, 1776, it was *Voted* the sum of Two hundred pounds Like money be Granted and raised in usual manner

the year ensueing to Defrey the Charge of repareing the meeting house and to make Good former Deficiences and to Defrey the Charge of the funeral of our late Rev. pastor Mr. Amos Adams Deceased and all other necessary Charges in the Prect. ye year ensuing.

There are no entries in the records between April 8, 1776, and March 24, 1777, on which latter date the precinct voted to pay Mr. Croxford, the sexton, his bill for twelve shillings for services at the funeral of Mr. Amos Adams.

The members of the parish were scattered, and until 1782 there was no settled minister.

In 1780 Mr. James How and others requested "for liberty to Ring ye Bell at ye hour of one of ye Clock and Nine at night in case a suteable number will subscribe to Defrey ye charge thereof. Voted they may have Liberty to employ the Sexton for the Purposes affores[d] and provided they will Defrey ye Charges and Take Due care that ye meeting house and Bell are not Damnified.

August 20, 1781 it was voted That our three Deacons be added unto the Committee for supplying the Pulpit &c. At a parish meeting held March 25, 1782, Doctor Jonathan Davis and Robert Pierpont presented a petition in which they begged leave to Represent that the Long seats in the body of the meeting house were not generally filled, that they apprehended four pews might be built on the back seats without the least inconvenience to any person whatever and the committee reported that they found it expedient to build the four pews and to sell the same at vendue.

At a meeting held July 5, 1782, the church having voted unanimously to call Mr. Eliphalet Porter, the congregation voted 61 to 1 to call him, that one vote says "not Disposed to concur" and a committee was appointed to wait on Mr. Porter.

At a meeting held Aug. 30, 1782 it was announced that four of the new pews were owned by

No. 1. Nehemiah Munroe	cost	$105. —
No. 2. Increase Sumner	"	235. —
No. 3. Mr. David Wait	"	205. —
No. 4. John Read	"	135. — $680. —

At this same meeting the Precinct received the answer of Mr. Eliphalet Porter wherein he manifested his acceptance of the call Given him to the Pastoral Care of this Church and Congregation which is as followeth viz:

ROXBURY, Aug. ye 24th 1782.

Friends Bretheren & Fathers

The Invitation which you have been Pleased to Give me to Settle with you in the Gospel ministry I have endeavoured to consider with That Seriousness and attention which its importance requires, I have looked to The fountain of wisdom for Direction, and have not failed to ask Councel of those my friends, & fathers in the ministry whom I have had the opportunity of consulting — as the result of my Deliberations, and the advice which I have Received, I Now accept your Invitation with cherfulness, & Desire to Return my unfeigned thanks for that Testimony, which you have Given me of your affection & Esteem. Nothing could have had Greator influence on my mind in this Determination, or have afforded me more pleasure on the Present Ocation, than the union which you have manifested in your choice, unless your unanimity had been perfect. I thank you for the support which you have offered me, and have the fullest confidence in your Generossity shod the State of things be such as to Render it insufficient to answer the Designe proposed. I am senceable that my undertakeing is Great and arduous & I desire to make my Dependance on the Divine aid & assistance may & at all times have that wisdom which is proffitable to Direct, and obtain mercy of the lord to be found faithfull, may my Services among you be usefull and acceptable and may there never be Reason for the complaint that I have laboured in vain. Permit me to assure you of that affection & attachment which I feel Towards you & to express my earnest desire Ever to Enjoye a place in the Kind and Effectionate regards of you all and in your Remembrance of me at the throne of Grace — may the Shepherd

of Iseral he that leadeth Joseph like a flock take you & me by the hand & lead us on in the way of Duty & in the paths of Peace & love til we shall Joyne the redeemed Company and Church of the first Born in heaven. I am with sinsear affection & Regard your friend & Servt.

ELIPHALET PORTER.

The following letter was also sent to the Churches under the Pastoral Care of

The Revd Mr. Porter of Bridgwater
The Revd Mr. Haven of Dedham
The Revd Dr. Cooper of Boston
The Revd Mr. Jackson of Brockton
The Rev. Mr. Payson of Chelsea
The Rev. Mr. Abbot of Roxbury
The Rev. Mr. Elliott of Boston

The first Church of Christ in Roxbury to the first Church of Christ in Boston under the Pastoral Care of the Revd. Doctr Charles Chauncy and the Revd John Clark sends Greeting —

It having pleased God in his holy providence to lead the Church of Christ in this place together with the Congregation to the Choice of Mr. Eliphalet Porter to the Pastoral Office among us, and to incline him to accept of our Call & invitation thereunto, We have thought fit to appoint Wednesday the 2d day of October next for his Solemn Separation to that important Office according to the directions of the Gospel.

We earnestly request the presence & assistance of your Revd Pastors & such Delegates as you shall think fit to send with them to unite with the Revd Pastors & Messengers of several other Churches in such Acts & Offices as the Solemnities of the Day may require.

We ask your Prayers to Almighty God for his blessing on our important undertaking, and that the Gospel of the blessed Jesus may have its proper Effect among us. We wish Grace, mercy & peace from God the Father and our Lord Jesus Christ may be multiplied unto you and subscribe our Selves your Brethren in the faith & fellowship of the Gospel.

WM. GRIDLEY
INC. SUMNER
JOS. RUGGLES
RALPH SMITH
DAVID WAIT
JOHN J. SPOONER
THOS. CLARKE

Committee of the Church & Congregation

ROXBURY, Sept. 16, 1782.

The Council were desired to meet at the House of I. Sumner Esq. at 10 o'clock A M. & from thence to proceed to the Meeting House & begin the Solemnity there exactly at two o'clock in the afternoon.

Mr. Porter was ordained Oct. 2, 1782, the Charge being given by Rev. Dr. Cooper of Boston, and the Rev. Mr. Abbot of the Second Parish in Roxbury presented the Right Hand of Fellowship. The total cost of the ordination was £51. Mr. Porter's salary was fixed at £240 lawfull money, £120 the first year of his ministry with us, £120 the second year of his ministry among us, and £120 granted annually as a sallery, also 20 cords of wood for him after he shall have a family annually.

The Names of the Male members of the First Church of Christ in Roxbury when the Rev. Mr. Porter was ordained were —

Doct. Thomas Williams
Mr. Moses Davis
Mr. Ebenezer Bugbee
Mr. Stephen Williams
Mr. Nathaniel Felton
Mr. Joshua Felton
Mr. John Curtis
Mr. Thaddeus Partrige
Dea. Samuel Sumner
Col. John Greaton
Mr. Charles Belknap
Mr. Edmund Weld
Mr. James Mears
Mr. Aaron White
Mr. John Williams
Mr. John Williams, Jr.
Doct. Samuel Cheeney
Mr. John Brewer
Mr. Noah Perrin
Mr. Thomas Macarty
Dea. William Gridley
Mr. Nathaniel Patten
Mr. Samuel Bowen
Mr. Joseph Ruggles
Mr. Thomas Clark
Mr. Ralph Smith
Mr. John Pierpont
Mr. Robert Pierpont
Dea. Ebenezer Craft
Mr. Simeon Pratt
Mr. John Ward
Mr. Jon^{a} Craft
Gen. William Heath
Mr. Peleg Heath
Mr. Samuel Heath
Col. Joseph Williams
Mr. Thomas Dana
Mr. Joseph Smith
Mr. Daniel Monroe
Mr. Nehemiah Monroe
Mr. John Bowen
Mr. Joshua Bowen

Capt. Joseph Williams	Mr. Jona. Williams
Mr. Jona Parker	Mr. ——— Corey
Mr. John Davis Williams	Mr. Thomas Nolen
Mr. Samuel Wittemore, Jr.	Mr. Nathaniel Sparhawk
Mr. Samuel Williams	Hon. Increase Sumner
Capt. William Heath	Mr. William Dudley

Whole number 54.

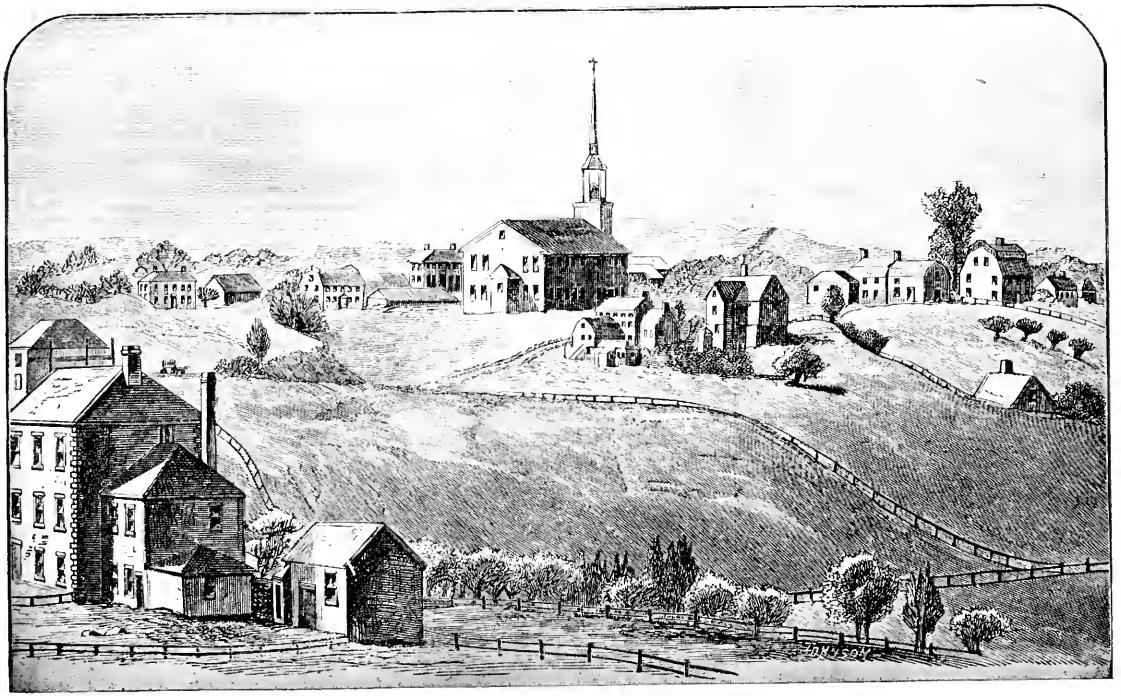
In 1787 a number of gentlemen living in the vicinity of the meeting house presented the precinct with a clock which was placed on the Bell tower.

At a meeting held Wednesday April 23, 1788 a letter from Joseph Williams Esq. (who has been Parish Clerk for Forty seven years past) being laid before the Parish wherein he signified his resignation of the Office of Clerk and Assessor on a motion made and seconded Voted unanimously that the resignation of the said Joseph Williams Esquire be accepted, and that the thanks of the Parish be, and hereby are given to the said Joseph Williams Esquire for his long and faithful services in the offices aforesaid.

At this meeting the titles of all the officers were changed from Precinct to Parish.

At this meeting it was voted that the Committee provide a suitable seat for the Sexton and direct him to hand the box round the Meeting House on every Lords Day in the afternoon after sermon is ended in order that the People may have an opportunity of contributing towards the Parish tax as may be convenient to them. And that all the loose monies that may be contributed be for the Rev. Mr. Porter over and above his Salery.

At a meeting held April 28, 1790, Deacon Joshua Felton, Capt. Joseph Williams and Deacon Nehemiah Munroe were appointed a Committee to repair forthwith to the Singers Seats, view the same, and report what repairs in their opinion



MEETING HOUSE HILL IN 1790.

are necessary to be made thereon; who reported "that several Doors are wanting, and that several parts thereof require some repair," whereupon, Voted that the Parish Committee cause such repairs to be made on said seats as they shall think expedient. Whereas on the 29th day of March 1775 the Parish Voted, that the Young men's seats scituate at the South Westerly part of the Galery, fronting the Pulpit, should be granted to Thomas Clarke, and others on the conditions in the said vote mentioned; and Whereas, by reason of the commencement of the War immediately after, the said conditions were never complied with, whereby the said seat still remains the property of the Parish. Therefore Voted, that the Parish Committee be and hereby are directed to cause the said seat to be put in decent repair, and to sell the same for the most they will fetch for the benefit of the Parish. At this meeting the sexton was desired to occupy the seat made for him on the top of the Pulpit stairs. In 1792 setting up Stoves in the Meeting House was refused.

Among the few sermons of this century which have been handed down to the present day is one delivered in this Meeting House Nov. 16, 1794, by Samuel Kendall, A.M., Pastor of the Congregational Church in Weston entitled "Love an essential Attribute of Deity."

May 1st 1795, the parish committee let thirteen seats in the back pew in the Gallery to Mr. Samuel Langley at two shillings each for one year.

May 9, 1796, Messrs Aaron Davis, Ralph Smith, John Swift, Ebenezer Brewer and James Howe were appointed a committee to ascertain the expense of a room, candles and fewel necessary to accommodate the Singers for one year and to open a subscription for the probable amount. At this meeting it was voted that the rent already due for the Parish pew below and the thirteen seats in the long pew in the Gallery

belonging to the Parish be appropriated towards said expenses of the singers.

The Parish received at various times the following legacies:

From Joshua Lamb of £13 6*s*. 8*d*. for the poor widdows of the First Church, Roxbury.

From Lieut. Caleb Stedman of £4 for the poor of the First Church, Roxbury.

From Ebenezer Warren of £6 13*s*. 4*d*. for poor widdows of the First Church, Roxbury.

From an unknown hand of £13 6*s*. 8*d*. for the poor widdows of the First Church, Roxbury.

From Judge Dudley of £7 12*s*. for the poor widdows of the First Church, Roxbury.

Contributions in the First Parish in Roxbury for the sufferers by Fire were

Apr. 20, 1787 70 dwelling houses in South part of Boston £23 18*s*.

Mch. 9, 1788 home of Capt. Sam'l Langley of Warwick £15 18*s*.

Nov. 13, 1793 house of Nathan Shed £12.

July 30, 1794 45 houses South end Boston £70 7*s*.

May 22, 1796 house of David Ockington, Needham $48.58.

Jan. 30, 1797 furniture James Tolman of Dorchester $36.00.

Apr. 2, 1797 Eben. Fox of Roxbury part of Building $79.16.

Saturday Aug. 4, 1798 the New Bell was suspended in the Balcony of the Meeting House the committee having previously bought it of Paul Revere, being one made at his bell foundry. Bell weighed 862 lbs. cost $371.13 less old bell $130.17 making net cost as $240.96.

May 27, 1799, Voted not to build a new meeting house.

July 4, 1800 at the Request of the inhabitants of the Town of Roxbury an Oration was pronounced in this House in commemoration of American Independence by Luther Richardson.

In 1801 a committee was chosen to endeavour to revive the singing in the congregation.

April 29, 1802, it was voted to take measures for building a new meeting house. The Parish committee was directed to procure a room and to furnish candles to accomodate the Singers one night in a week to practise.

May 4, 1802, three different plans were exhibited and it appeared to the committee that the Plan of the Newburyport meeting house is the most elligible for Roxbury with a few alterations and Messrs. William Blaney, John Sawen, and Humphrey Bicknell were appointed a sub-committee to draught a plan for our meeting house similar to Newburyport meeting house with alterations, as expressed by the committee, and report estimate of the cost with brick and the cost with wood.

May 31, 1802, it was agreed that the amount to be assessed on the pews in this meeting house should be $2160, being $30.00 per pew on floor and $15.00 per pew in gallery, showing that there were 68 pews on floor and 8 square pews in gallery. In June the parish voted to build a new meeting house of wood but with a long spire.

Aug. 5, 1802, the Committee chosen to build the new meeting house were Mr. Ralph Smith, Joseph Ruggles, Esq., Capt. Joseph Williams, Mr. William Blaney & Nathaniel Ruggles, Esq.

At a meeting held April 7, 1803, it was voted that the old meeting house be put up at auction and voted that the thanks of this parish be given to the middle parish in Roxbury for their kind offer to accomodate our congregation in their meeting house during the time that ours is building and that the parish committee be directed to express the same to the Rev. Mr. Gray.

April 14, 1803, the parish committee reported that they had procured Capt. Stoddards new brick building oposite the meeting house, unfinished, for the congregation to meet in, for devine service, until the 20 of October next for the sum of one hundred & twenty dollars. They then adjourned for one hour to give time for the sale of the old meeting house. The conditions of sale were — The highest bidder to be the purchaser. Any dispute arising between two or more bidders the premises to be put up again. The building to be taken away and the ground around the same to be cleared by the first of May next. The purchaser to carefully take down the Bell and frame thereof with the two clocks & apparatus. The house to be sold as it now stands, excepting the moveables, the bell & frame, Clocks and apparatus. The underpinning stones & steps to be left. The Building, as now mentioned, to be sold on a credit of two years with satisfactory security on interest from the first of May next.

The Honble John Read Esq. was the highest bidder and it was struck off to him for the sum of Six hundred dollars $600. Then after the sale, Voted that the parish committee have a plan taken of the pews & their situation in the old meeting house before it be removed, and that they advertise in the parish, for the pewholders in the old meeting house, to exhibit their claims to pews and parts of pews, clearly designated, to the parish committee before the first of October next in order that the compensation voted by the parish may be awarded to the proper owners.

Two days after the Parish committee gave notice that they have a plan of the situation of the pews in the old meeting house, but this plan cannot be found.

April 17, 1803, was held the last Meeting of the Congregation in the old Meeting House for Public Worship and on

the next sabbath the 24th the first meeting in Capt. Stoddard's New house for public worship.

The plan of rebuilding encountered opposition. Heath's manuscript journal under date of April 18, 1803, says: "This day the meeting house in the First Parish of this town was begun to be pulled down. It was not half worn out, and might have been repaired with a saving of $10,000 to the parish. It has been sold for $600. Whether every generation grows wiser or not, it is evident they grow more fashionable and extravagant."

REV. MR. NEHEMIAH WALTER

Sketch of his life under Second Meeting House.

REV. OLIVER PEABODY

Oliver Peabody, son of Rev. Oliver and Hannah (Baxter) Peabody of Natick, was born Jan. 15, 1725/6, and a graduate of Harvard College in 1745. At a Precinct meeting held May 28, 1750, it was voted to call Mr. Peabody, who had been settled over the little missionary church in Natick, as colleague pastor with Rev. Mr. Walter by a vote of 42 yeas against 23 blanks. He was ordained Pastor Nov. 7, 1750, nearly two months after the death of Mr. Walter. He was a preacher of acknowledged ability, but his ministry and his life were brief, as he died May 29, 1752, about a year and a half from the time of his settlement. He was never married. He built the house situated on the north side of Eliot Square, standing well back from the road and commanding a fine view of Boston in the rear, which has since been tenanted by his successors Rev. Amos Adams and Rev. Dr. Porter (Rev. George Putnam boarded there until his marriage) and afterwards owned and occupied by Deacon Charles Knapp Dillaway until his death. At the time of the siege of Boston it was the headquarters of General Thomas.



THE PARSONAGE.

REV. AMOS ADAMS

Amos Adams, the eldest of eleven children of Henry and Jemima (Morse) Adams, was born in Medfield, Mass., Sept. 1, 1728, and a graduate of Harvard College in 1752. He married (1) Elizabeth Prentiss, Oct. 18, 1753, in Cambridge, who died in Aug. 1769; (2) Mrs. Abigail Mears, Feb. 15, 1770, in Roxbury, who died the next year; (3) Sarah, daughter of Dr. Charles Chauncy of the First Church of Boston, July 16, 1771, in Boston.

He was ordained Pastor of this church Sept. 12, 1753. He was a very popular preacher. His delivery is said to have been animated and energetic, his voice musical and of great power. He was praised in other churches as a very accomplished preacher, but many were disgusted with his plainness of speech, the length of his discourses, and his very desultory observations. All allowed him to discover some knowledge of human nature, in the addresses he made to his hearers. His preaching was calculated to prick the consciences of sinners, though they wanted correct discrimination and smoothness of period. His memory was tenacious and his reading very extensive. He was an ardent patriot from the first, earnestly co-operating in the efforts of the people to stop importation from the mother country and to encourage domestic manufactures. An instance of the spirit that pervaded all classes at that time is found in the fact that one day in September, 1768, nearly sixty young women of Roxbury met together at the minister's house and gave Mrs. Adams the materials for and the spinning of about one hundred score of linen yard. "Such an unusual and beautiful appearance," says the chronicler, "drew a great number of spectators from town and country, who expressed the highest

satisfaction at such an example of industry." He was scribe of the convention of ministers at Watertown, which in May, 1775, recommended to the people to take up arms.

He spent his time and strength with pleasure in the service of a grateful people, till by the distress of the times, they were dispersed and he himself obliged to leave his habitation and pulpit, from which time his labors were increased, but through an affection to the people of his charge, he went through them with cheerfulness, attending the small remainder of his flock every Sunday, though his family was removed to a distance among his friends. He not only visited his own flock but the soldiers who were stationed among the people of his parochial charge. He died Oct. 5, 1775, in Dorchester. At the time he was seized with his last sickness, the result of preaching in the open air to the soldiers, he was engaged as chaplain to Col. David Brewer's Ninth Continental Regiment of 900 men, who paid the funeral honors to his remains on the Saturday following his death. The *Boston Gazette* in the notice of his death says, "His family as well as his church and people now driven into various parts of the country, refuse to be comforted."

His publications never appeared to satisfy the expectations of those who heard them from the pulpit; they needed his animated delivery. Among his published sermons are the following: — On the Death of Madam Lucy Dudley, 1756; Artillery Election, 1759; Thanksgiving for the Reduction of Quebec, 1759; at the Ordination of S. Kingsbury, 1761, and of John Wyeth, 1766; The Only Hope and Refuge of Sinners, 1767; Dudleian Lecture entitled Diocesan Episcopacy at Harvard College, 1770; the manuscript of this last is now in the library of the college; it bears testimony to the learning of the writer. The discourses which gave him the most reputation were two upon religious liberty, 1767, and two on

the general fast, April 6, 1769, in which he gave "A Concise Historical View of the Difficulties, Hardships and Perils which Attended the Planting and Progressive Improvement in New England, with a Particular Account of its Long and Destructive Wars, Expensive Expeditions, etc." These were reprinted in England in 1770, not as sermons, but with the title of a "Concise History of New England." The evangelical sentiments are curtailed. We see little more than the dry bones of a skeleton not well hung together. All his printed discourses are bound in two volumes, 8vo, which he presented to the College Library.

REV. ELIPHALET PORTER, D.D.

Eliphalet Porter, son of John and Mary (Huntington) Porter, was born June 11, 1758, in Abington, now North Bridgewater, Mass.

He was beneath the common stature, straight and well proportioned. His hair, which was of chestnut color, was little if any changed at his death. Neither he nor his father ever used spectacles.

He entered Harvard College in 1773 and was graduated in 1777, the youngest of three brothers in the same class.

He held a highly respectable rank as a scholar, and was distinguished by the sobriety and correctness of his habits. His theological studies he prosecuted under the direction of his father.

The pulpit of the First Church of Roxbury had been vacant since the death of the Rev. Amos Adams in 1775, and, having heard various candidates, the precinct finally, in 1782, extended a nearly unanimous call (61 to 1; that one vote says "not Disposed to concur") to Mr. Porter, of which in due time he signified his acceptance. He was ordained Pastor of this church Oct. 2, 1782, the sermon being preached by his venerable father, the charge delivered by Dr. Samuel Cooper of Boston, and the Rev. Mr. Abbot of the second parish in Roxbury presented the Right Hand of Fellowship.

His ordination created considerable opposition from some of the first families of Roxbury. Dr. Williams joined the Episcopal Church. He showed a decided opposition to Dr. Porter till on arriving at the age of 70 he gave a dinner and invited Dr. Porter for the first time to his house. Captain Joseph Williams, another principal opposer, was converted into a firm friend by a funeral sermon delivered by Dr. Porter

on the death of two sons of Captain Williams, and when the Doctor shortly after went to see him, he greeted him most cordially.

Although in the pulpit he exhibited few, if any, of the characteristics of a popular preacher of the present day, few modern preachers are listened to more attentively or regarded with more reverence than he was. The effect he produced was not that of excitement; he was not excitable himself, and was therefore not likely to produce excitement in others. There was a calmness and solemnity in his manner which gave to his discourses a peculiar impressiveness. He was never dogmatical or bigoted. He had clear and settled opinions on the controverted points of theology, and was always ready to sustain them; but he had no taste for controversy, and therefore rarely preached on subjects which occasioned it.

When religious disputes were started he had a remarkable faculty of discerning points of difference, of allowing to each controversialist his proper merit and of bringing the subject to an amicable decision.

His devotional services were highly appropriate though but little varied.

Of his pastoral character it was suited to the times in which he lived. Frequent visits, for social intercourse merely, were not expected; for these he had neither taste nor fitness; his manners were grave and did not encourage familiarity, nor had he that easy flow of language so essential to sustain a conversation on the familiar topics of the day. But in the chamber of the sick, or wherever there was affliction which the sympathies of a pastor could alleviate, he was a constant and welcome visitor. When he uttered anything it was obvious that it was in words fitly spoken.

In October, 1801, he was married to Martha, daughter of

Major Nathaniel Ruggles of Roxbury. She died without issue in December 1814.

In 1807 he was honored with the degree of Doctor of Divinity by Harvard College.

Rev. Charles Lowell writes of him as follows: —

"My recollections of Dr. Porter are of course very distinct. He was the minister of my childhood at Roxbury. I attended his catechising, which was held once a year. We recited the Assembly's catechism. Dr. Porter was usually taciturn when I knew him in Roxbury. I remember it was a subject of great solicitude with my sisters, how they should entertain him, when he made a visit at our house. When I knew him as a brother minister, he bore his full part in conversation. He was a man of good sense and good judgment, and, in addition to this, he had a good deal of what is termed dry wit or humor, though he looked so sedate, not to say grave; and he had great shrewdness and adroitness in parrying a pleasant thrust at him.

"He was on a visit to one of his parishioners one afternoon, where there was a little party of young people. The lady of the house told the Doctor, hesitatingly, that the young folks would be glad to have a little dance with the aid of the pianoforte, but were afraid to do it lest he should be offended. 'Oh, no,' said he, 'let them dance; only I hope they will excuse me, as I have my boots on.'"

May 31, 1810, Dr. Porter preached the Annual Sermon at the Convention of the Congregational Ministers of Massachusetts, and this perhaps may be considered the most prominent event of his life. The controversy between the two parties, known as the "orthodox" and the liberal, was really at that time no new thing; but, so far as the latter class at least were concerned, it had rarely, if ever, been introduced into the pulpit, especially on any great public occasion. Dr. Porter,

on the occasion referred to, stepped aside from the course of his predecessors, and, without making any very distinct statement of his own views, brought out a bold and earnest defence of some of the general principles for which the liberal party were contending. The sermon produced great excitement at the time, and it has been acknowledged, by those who disliked as well as those who liked it, to be the ablest of Dr. Porter's printed productions. It is important now, chiefly as having marked a sort of epoch in the controversy and as indicating the then existing state of theological opinion.

The subject of the Discourse was "The Simplicity that is in Christ, and the Danger of its being corrupted."

Its general spirit and character may be sufficiently indicated by the following extract: —

But it will be asked if the simple proposition which has been mentioned (Jesus of Nazareth is the Christ) is all that we have to demand in the way of Gospel belief. What are we to think of those articles of faith which have been long received in the Church, and considered, perhaps generally, as fundamentals, and essential to be believed? What are we to think, not of those doctrines which have been exploded by Protestants, and which have had, and now have, their turn of being viewed as essential, more extensively than any others; but of those disputed articles of faith which have been retained or taught and required in the Catechisms and Confessions of Protestant and Reformed Churches, and in particular among ourselves? Or, to be more explicit still, for I wish to be understood, what are we to think of the doctrines of original sin and total depravity; of imputation of sin and righteousness; of a trinity in unity; of the mere humanity, superangelical nature or absolute Deity of Christ; of particular and general redemption; of unconditional decrees of personal election and reprobation; of moral inability, and the total passiveness of man in regeneration; of the special and irresistible operation of the Holy Spirit; of perseverance, or the impossibility of the believer's total apostacy; and, to mention no more, the absolute eternity of the torments to which the wicked will be sentenced at the last day.

My individual belief in respect to the truth or error of these points, can be of but little importance, and my subject no way requires that it should be given. It rather becomes me to follow the example which has been sometimes set by learned judges on the bench, when difficult questions suggested themselves, but whose decision the main subject before them did not require;

and prudently say, — Neque teneo, neque refello. But it is pertinent to the object of this discourse, and consonant to my serious and deliberate conviction, to observe that I cannot place my finger on any one article in the list of doctrines just mentioned, the belief or the rejection of which I consider as essential to the Christian faith or character.

I believe that an innumerable company of Christians who never heard of these articles, or who were divided in their opinions respecting them, have fallen asleep in Jesus; and that innumerable of the same description are following after.

Rev. Dr. A. C. Thompson in his Eliot Memorial says, "The transition of this church from its Calvinistic attitude to Liberalism appears to have taken place at the close of the eighteenth century and the first years of the nineteenth. This sermon was among the earlier public disclosures of a change which had been quietly going on in this neighborhood."

As a citizen, his influence was widely and beneficially felt. A man so distinguished for great practical wisdom as he was, could not escape frequently calls for his counsel and assistance in the secular affairs of the town. In the support and management of institutions for objects of charity, or for the promotion of education and religion, his services and counsels were conspicuously useful and in constant request. The various offices of trust, to which he was called, were fulfilled with a characteristic caution, prudence, and fidelity, which obtained and justified unlimited confidence.

He was a highly valued member of the Overseers of Harvard University, and in 1818 was elected a Fellow of the University and until his death a member of the Corporation. The period of his connection with this institution was one of great difficulty, and he took his full share of the labors and responsibilities incident to his official position. His affection for the college was ardent and constant. The notice of his

death on the records of the Corporation manifests their strong sense of "the great loss our literary and religious community have sustained by the death of this learned divine and exemplary Christian, whose intelligence, fidelity and zeal in support of the interests of literature, and especially of those connected with the prosperity of Harvard University, they have had uniform occasion to witness during the many years he has been one of the members of this Board."

By his will he bequeathed one thousand dollars to the Theological School of Harvard College.

He was Treasurer for many years of the Massachusetts Congregational Charitable Society, whose funds are appropriated to the support of ministers' widows and orphans. In this trust he gave great satisfaction. He was an original trustee of the Massachusetts Bible Society founded in 1809. He was among the founders of the Society for the Suppression of Intemperance. For many years he was moderator of the Boston Association, by whom he was greatly valued for judicious counsel. He continued his stated labors without much interruption till he was past seventy, when it became apparent to both himself and others that his strength was inadequate to the full discharge of the duties of his office. Accordingly it was agreed that he should have a colleague; and Mr. George Putnam was called and settled, with his hearty approbation. The relations which existed between the Senior and Junior Pastors were mutually kind and agreeable, and when the former died, the latter, in a Funeral Discourse, rendered a warm and grateful tribute to the memory of his venerated friend. During the three and one-half years he had a colleague he preached but eleven sermons.

The 7th of October, 1832, the Sabbath next succeeding the completion of fifty years of his ministry, Dr. Porter

preached a sermon containing some historical sketches of his parish, and particularly a review of his own ministerial labors. Having referred to his Ordination he says:— The solemn transactions of that day were adapted to excite reflection, lead to resolutions, and make impressions on the mind, which half a century ought not, and, as the speaker trusts, has not, wholly effaced from his mind. But he laments that they have not had a more constant, powerful and salutary effect on his life and labors. He laments that he has not better fulfilled the ministry he received of the Lord, and better performed his vows. A sense of his many neglects, and defects in duty, he can truly say, is the greatest burden of his life; and he would this day humble himself before God, and in the presence of the great congregation, for his want of greater diligence and activity, constancy, faithfulness, and zeal, in the discharge of the work given him to do.

His death occurred on Saturday, December 7, 1833, and his funeral was attended on the succeeding Wednesday, by a large concourse. The sermon, by his surviving colleague, was from Genesis xxv, 8, and was published. A list of his publications includes: Thanksgiving Discourse of the Peace, 1783; Discourse to the Roxbury Charitable Society, 1794; Fast Discourse, 1798; Sermon on the Death of Gov. Sumner, 1799; Eulogy on Washington, 1800; Discourse before the Humane Society, 1802; Sermon at the Ordination of Rev. Charles Lowell, Jan. 1, 1806; Before Society for Propagating the Gospel, Nov. 5, 1807; Convention Sermon, May 31, 1810; Artillery Election Sermon, June 1, 1812; Sermon at the Ordination of Rev. J. G. Palfrey, June 17, 1818.

DEACONS

Mr. Edward Ruggles, see Second Meeting House.

Mr. Samuel Gridley, see Second Meeting House.

Mr. Stephen Williams, son of Capt. Stephen and Mary (Capen) Williams, b. in Roxbury March 9, 1701/2, died there in 1773; m. Sarah Payson. Ordained Deacon Dec. 23, 1753, and served until his death. He was owner of Pew No. 26 in the Third Meeting House.

Mr. Ebenezer Craft, son of Ebenezer and Elizabeth (Weld) Craft, b. in Roxbury May 22, 1705; died there Sept. 1, 1791; m. Susanna White. A cordwainer by trade and also extensively engaged in farming. He was a large land owner in Roxbury and adjoining towns. Ordained Deacon Dec. 23, 1753, and served until his death. He was owner of Pew No. 18 in the Third Meeting House.

Mr. William Gridley, son of Samuel and ——— Gridley, b. in Roxbury in 1732; buried there Dec. 15, 1786; m. Lydia ———. Ordained Deacon Apr. 4, 1773, and served until his death.

Mr. Samuel Sumner, son of John and Susannah (Stevens) Sumner, b. in Roxbury, Dec. 29, 1732; died there Oct. 11, 1813; m. (1) Susannah Boylston, (2) Elizabeth Bugbee. He was active in town affairs and one of the Committee of Correspondence in the Revolution. Ordained Deacon May 14, 1779, and served until his death. He was owner of Pew 91 in the Fifth Meeting House.

Mr. David Weld, son of Daniel and Elizabeth (Tucker) Weld, b. in 1734; d. in 1821; m. Sarah Davis. He held various town offices. Representative. One of the Committee of Correspondence in the Revolution. Collector in 1785. Ordained Deacon Dec. 5, 1785, and served until his death.

Mr. Nehemiah Munroe, son of William and Sarah (Mason) Munroe, b. in Roxbury, July 1, 1747; d. there Aug. 2, 1828; m. Avis Hammond. Cabinet maker. Held town offices. Trustee of the Roxbury Latin School. Member of the Parish Committee. Ordained Deacon March 9, 1787, and served until his death. Owner of Pew No. 71, Fifth Meeting House.

Mr. Joshua Felton, son of Nathaniel and Anna (Jacobs) Felton, b. in Roxbury, March 21, 1743; died there Dec. 17, 1816; m. (1) Mary Wardell, (2) Mrs. Lois Pattee. Blacksmith. It is said he attended church every Sunday, except one-half day, for 37 years. He kept a diary of every event that transpired in Roxbury for many years. Member of the Standing Committee of the Roxbury Charitable Society. Ordained Deacon June 10, 1787, and served until his death. Owner of Pew No. 60, Lower Floor, Fifth Meeting House.

CHURCH MEMBERS

According to the church records the Parish Committee gave notice that they had a plan of the situation of the pews in this meeting house, but this plan cannot be found. Few transfers of pews can be found on the records, the earliest being dated Nov. 25, 1788, and there are only three instances where the exact situation of each pew is known. In 1802 there were 68 pews on the floor and eight square pews in the galleries.

Feb. 1, 1746/7. John Williams.
May 24, 1747. Katharine Williams.
June 28, 1747. John Salmon.
Aug. 29, 1747. Jeane Linsdey.
Nov. 21, 1747. —
Mary Manser.
Rebecca Bidford.
Jan. 3, 1747/8. Samuel Williams.

Jan. 17, 1747/8. Anne Tucker.
Mch. 20, 1747/8. Phillis, negro servant of Mr. Stedman.
Sept. 25, 1748. Lydia Gamut.
Oct. 22, 1748. —
Daniel Sever.
Abiel Sever.
Nov. 11, 1748. Joseph Bodoono.
Feb. 26, 1748/9. —
Thomas Cheney.
Deborah Cheney.
Nov. 5, 1749. Joseph Ruggles.
June 30, 1750. —
Samuel Weld.
Ebenezer Pierepont, Jr.
John Williams, Jr.
Oliver Peabody, Jr., our Pastor.
Feb. 24, 1750/1. John Richards.
Mch. 10, 1750/1. —
John Dean.
Edward King.
Apr. 28, 1751. —
Katharine Ruggles.
Mary Smith.
May 5, 1751. Edward Kelton.
July 21, 1751. Obadiah Coolidge.
Aug. 11, 1751. —
Dorothy Holbrook.
Ann Williams.
Oct. 6, 1751. Thomas Dana.
Jan. 19, 1751/2. Jonathan Sever.
Sept. 12, 1753. Amos Adams, our Pastor.
Sept. 23, 1753. —
Jeremiah Mosher.
Isabel Mosher, his wife.
Oct. 14, 1753. Edmund Weld.
Nov. 11, 1753. —
Abigail Reves.
Abigail Bosson.
Nov. 18, 1753. Joseph Howard.
Dec. 23, 1753. Deacon Stephen Williams, recomd.
Dec. 30, 1753. Sarah Weld.
Jan. 27, 1754. Isaac Gardiner of Brookline, H.C. 1747.
June 16, 1754. Mary Shortlief, wife of Henry.

July 14, 1754. Joseph Williams, Jr.
Sept. 29, 1754. John Hewet.
Oct. 6, 1754. Jonas Meriam, H.C. 1753. Settled over Church in Newton.
Dec. 22, 1754. John Slack.
Feb. 16, 1755. —
Elizabeth Williams.
Anna Williams.
Apr. 20, 1755. —
Anne Pierpont.
Mary Pierpont.
June 8, 1755. Hannah Williams.
June 15, 1755. Jane Williams.
June 22, 1755. —
William Heath.
Prudence Heath.
June 29, 1755. Jeremiah Williams.
Sept. 7, 1755. —
Jeremiah Parker.
Martha Parker.
Dec. 21, 1755. Sarah Prince.
Dec. 28, 1755. Ann McClure.
Jan. 18, 1756. Eleanor Bosson, wife of John.
Feb. 22, 1756. —
Ebenezer Cheney.
Mary Seaver.
Susannah Seaver.
Mch. 21, 1756. —
Ebenezer May.
Sarah Duff.
Elizabeth Walker.
Apr. 17, 1756. —
Increase Sumner, b. June 9, 1713; d. Nov. 28, 1774; m. Sarah Sharp. Farmer, selectman, Coroner for the County of Suffolk, Father of Governor Increase Sumner.
Job Walker.
April 18, 1756. Fortune, a negro man belonging to Capt. Newell.
May 16, 1756. —
Margaret Swan.
Hannah Whitney.
Margaret Sewall.
Dinah, a negro woman belonging to Deacon Crafts.
June 13, 1756. —
Sarah Bishop, dismissed to Uxbridge.

Jonathan Hall, dismissed from Medford Church, and dismissed to Church in Hadley in 1771.

Mercy Hall, dismissed from Medford Church.

July 11, 1756. Mary Seaver.

Aug. 1, 1756. —

John Searl.

Margret Searl.

Aug. 7, 1756. Abigail Parker.

Sept. 5, 1756. Sarah Prentice.

Sept. 12, 1756. —

William Gridley, see Deacons.

Lydia Gridley.

Keturah, a negro woman belonging to Thos. Seaver.

Oct. 31, 1756. —

Mary Grigs.

Sarah Doubt.

William Heath, jun., b. Mch. 7, 1737; d. Jan. 24, 1814; m. Sarah Lockwood. Lived on his ancestral farm settled upon by William Heath in 1632. Capt. and then Col. of the Suffolk Regiment. Commander of the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Co. in 1770. Member of the General Assembly. Member of the Committee of Correspondence and Safety, Member of the Provincial Congress 1774–5. On Dec. 8, 1774, he was commissioned provincial brigadier general and was the only general officer on the field at the battle of Lexington, Apr. 19, 1775, and as such directed the pursuit of Earl Percy. Promoted Major General, then Brigadier General and Major General of the Continental Army. Member of the convention of Mass. that adopted the Federal Constitution. State Senator. Probate Judge. Owner of Pew No. 76, Lower Floor, Fifth Meeting House.

Nov. 7, 1756. —

Samuel Woods.

Mercy Woods, wife of Samuel.

Dec. 12, 1756. Elizabeth Williams.

Feb. 6, 1757. Sarah Muncrief.

Mch. 20, 1757. James Orr.

April 10, 1757. —

Solomon Ayers.

Elizabeth Ayers, wife of Solomon.

April 17, 1757. —

John Dinsdill.

Abigail Dinsdill, wife of John.

May 1, 1757. —
Joseph Weld.
Mary Weld.
May 22, 1757. Mary Benjamin.
July 31, 1757. —
William Blaney.
Ebenezer Davis.
Sarah Davis.
Jan. 15, 1758. —
Moses Winchester.
Mary Winchester, wife of Moses.
June 11, 1758. —
Elizabeth Stevens.
Hannah Stevens.
July 9, 1758. William Pierpont.
Oct. 1, 1758. —
Mary Bass.
Sarah Gore.
Nov. 26, 1758. —
Samuel Sumner, Jr., see Deacons.
Susannah Sumner, wife of Samuel.
Dec. 3, 1758. John Mears.
Dec. 24, 1758. —
Joseph Williams.
Mary Williams.
Apr. 2, 1759. James Mears.
Oct. 28, 1759. Mary Chamberlayn.
Jan. 13, 1760. Sarah Heath.
Feb. 10, 1760. —
Joseph Worsley.
Benjamin Pierpont.
Feb. 17, 1760. —
Thomas Raymour.
Mary Raymour, wife of Thomas.
Ebenezer Dorr, member of Committee of Correspondence and Safety.
Anne Dorr.
James How.
Ebenezer Pierpont.
Aug. 3, 1760. Jane Foster.
Aug. 31, 1760. Isaac Curtiss.
Oct. 26, 1760. —
Anne Curtiss.
Thaddeus Partridge.

Apr. 12, 1761. Jane Partridge.
June 7, 1761. Thomas Williams.
June 21, 1761. Richard Fox.
July 5, 1761. —
Sarah Williams.
Rebecca Winslow.
Aug. 2, 1761. —
Joseph Payson.
Abigail Payson.
Sept. 13, 1761. Aaron Davis, b. Oct. 18, 1735; d. Oct. 12, 1773; m. Susannah Craft. A merchant on Long Wharf, Boston, as well as in Roxbury with his brother Moses Davis. Captain First Train of Artillery. Member Precinct Committee March 27, 1771.
Oct. 4, 1761. William Thompson.
Dec. 13, 1761. Robert Williams.
Dec. 27, 1761. Enoch Hancock.
Jan. 17, 1762. —
Caleb Hayward, dismissed to Milton.
Susannah Davis, wife of Aaron.
Mch. 14, 1762. Richard Robinson.
May 29, 1762. Henry Payson.
June 6, 1762. William Patrick.
Sept. 26, 1762. Phillip Searle.
Oct. 3, 1762. Tobias, a negro man belonging to William Williams.
Oct. 17, 1762. —
Nicholas Seaver.
Mary Seaver.
Deborah Searle.
Ruth Searle.
Nov. 21, 1762. Ebenezer Williams, H. C. 1760. Taught in the Free Schoole 1761–3. Dismissed from his Pastoral Relation to this church Oct. 20, 1765, and recommended to Falmouth.
April 10, 1763. —
Daniel Bugbee jr.
Mary Bugbee.
June 26, 1763. Jonathan Parker, farmer, a member of the Boston Tea Party, & one of those to Secret two cannon belonging to the British Artillery taken from the gun-house on Boston Common.
Oct. 23, 1763. —
Thomas Dana.
Martha Dana.
Nov. 20, 1763. —
John Slack.
Elizabeth Slack.

Jan. 15, 1764. Stephen Williams.
Feb. 12, 1764. Hannah Woodward.
April 8, 1764. —
Mehitable Shirley.
Theoda Williams, wife of Stephen.
Elizabeth Sumner.
May 6, 1764. —
Mary Parker.
Ann Mears.
John Bowen.
Mehitable Bowen.
Aug. 26, 1764. —
Daniel Bugbee.
Joseph Williams, b. June 23, 1738; d. Mch. 5, 1822; m. (1) Susannah May, (2) Mercy Davis. Called Captain. Member Precinct Committee Apr. 14, 1783. Owner of Pew No. 26, Lower Floor, Fifth Meeting House.
Susannah Williams, wife of Joseph.
Oct. 7, 1764. Ishmael and Venus, negro servants of Joseph Ruggles.
Oct. 28, 1764. Sarah Fellows.
Nov. 18, 1764. —
Moses Dorr.
Eleanor Dorr.
Mch. 10, 1765. Deborah Bosson.
April 7, 1765. William Bugbee.
May 5, 1765. John Brewer.
May 26, 1765. Abijah Seaver.
June 9, 1765. Paul Gore.
Feb. 2, 1766. Daniel Tombes.
Mch. 23, 1766. James Cornish.
Apr. 13, 1766. James Bird.
July 20, 1766. Noah Davis, dismissed to Second Church in Roxbury.
July 27, 1766. —
Benjamin May.
Mary May.
Aug. 24, 1766. Elizabeth Davis.
Aug. 31, 1766. Andrew Floyd.
Oct. 19, 1766. Elizabeth Johnson.
Nov. 23, 1766. —
Joshua Felton, see Deacons.
Mary Thompson.
Dec. 21, 1766. Phillis, negro woman of Capt. John Williams.
Feb. 15, 1767. Eliphalet Downer.

Apr. 5, 1767. —
Elizabeth Davis.
Abigail Davis.
Abigail Parker.
May 3, 1767. Brill Johnson.
May 10, 1767. Mary Doyle.
Aug. 30, 1767. Joseph Smith.
Sept. 13, 1767. Benjamin Baker.
Oct. 25, 1767. Joseph Muncrieff.
Dec. 13, 1767. —
Sarah Gridley.
Martha Gridley.
Susannah Gridley.
Feb. 7, 1768. Hannah Pierpont.
Feb. 28, 1768. James Gould.
March 27, 1768. Hannah How.
Aug. 2, 1768. —
Major Nathaniel Ruggles, son of Capt. Samuel and Martha (Woodbridge) Ruggles, b. in Roxbury abt. 1748; died there Jan. 14, 1780; m. Martha Williams, known as "Aunt Major." They were the parents of Mrs. Martha Porter, wife of Rev. Eliphalet Porter, D.D. Major of the Suffolk Regiment in 1772. Filled many important public stations. Especially attentive to the wants of the soldiers in Roxbury. His house, cor. Eliot Square and Highland St., was the Headquarters of the army officers during the siege of Boston. Owner of Pew No. 18, Lower Floor, Fifth Meeting House.
Martha Ruggles, wife of Major Nathaniel Ruggles.
Rebecca Ruggles.
Aug. 7, 1768. Mary Bosson.
Aug. 28, 1768. —
Francis Dana.
Robert Champney.
Sept. 18, 1768. Sarah Coolege.
Sept. 25, 1768. Samuel Heath.
Dec. 18, 1768. Richard Rowen.
Mch. 5, 1769. —
Peleg Heath.
Patience Heath.
Mch. 23, 1769. Martha Mills.
Apr. 2, 1769. John Bowen.
Apr. 30, 1769. —
John Pierpont.
Nathaniel Eaton.

July 15, 1769. Hannah Tucker.
July 23, 1769.
Joseph Heath.
Martha Dana.
Aug. 20, 1769. —
Increase Sumner, b. Nov. 27, 1746; d. June 7, 1799; m. Elizabeth Hyslop. H. C. 1767. Taught in the Free Schoole 1768–1770. Lawyer. Representative. Senator for Suffolk County. Elected to Congress in 1782, but declined the position. Associate Justice of the Supreme Judicial Court of Mass. Governor of the State of Massachusetts.
Samuel Cheney, H. C. 1767.
Lydia Coolidge.
Sept. 17, 1769. Mary Felton.
Oct. 8, 1769. —
Thomas Weld.
Abigail Dow.
Deborah Cheney.
Abigail Mears.
Catherine Parker.
John Davis Williams, b. Dec. 25, 1739; d. May 26, 1807; m. Hannah Davis. Farmer. The farm he occupied was originally owned by his emigrant ancestor, Robert Williams, and on it originated the Williams Favorite apple. One of a committee of seven to petition Lt. Gov. Hutchinson for removal of troops. Owner of Pew No. 4, Lower Floor, Fifth Meeting House.
Hannah Williams, w. of John Davis Williams.
John Williams, b. May 27, 1744; d. June 19, 1809; m. Mary Sumner. Merchant. Owner of Pew No. 39, Lower Floor, Fifth Meeting House.
Mary Williams, wife of John.
Oct. 8, 1769. —
Priscilla Craft.
Sarah Craft.
John Graeton, son of John Graeton, the last landlord of the Greyhound Tavern, and Catherine (Lenton) Graeton, bap. March 10, 1740/1; d. Dec. 16, 1783; m. Sarah Humpreys. A prominent Son of Liberty. Served in the battle of Lexington. Lieut. of the Governor's Guard. Major, Lt. Col. & Col. of Col. Heath's regiment. Afterwards commissioned Brigadier General.
Sarah Graeton, wife of John.
Nov. 12, 1769. —
Anne Williams.
Mary Smith.
Rebecca Champney.
Clarissa Kent.

Dec. 10, 1769. Mary Hayward.
Feb. 4, 1770. Lemuel May.
Mch. 4, 1770. —
Joshua Bowen.
Joshua Bradley.
Sarah Bradley.
Mary Gore.
Apr. 1, 1770. —
Nathaniel Felton, member of Committee of Correspondence and Safety.
Mary Felton..
Apr. 29, 1770. Mary Shed.
Dec. 2, 1770. —
Moses Davis, b. Apr. 29, 1744; d. June 2, 1823; m. (1) Hannah Pierpont, (2) Rebecca Sharp. Merchant. A partner of his brother Aaron Davis. A soldier of the Revolution. Member of the Parish Committee Nov. 11, 1793. Owner of Pew No. 66, Lower Floor, Fifth Meeting House.
Hannah Williams.
Mary Newell.
Dec. 16, 1770. Samuel Gore.
Feb. 3, 1771. Abigail Newell.
Feb. 10, 1771. Ebenezer Wales.
Feb. 24, 1771. —
Benjamin Cotterel.
Mary Cotterel, w. of Benjamin.
Mch. 10, 1771. Anne Johnson.
Oct. 13, 1771. —
Jemima Winslow.
Sarah Williams.
Abigail Williams.
Nov. 10, 1771. Abigail Whitney.
Jan. 5, 1772. —
Samuel Langley.
Esther (Mayo) Langley, wife of Samuel.
Mch. 28, 1772. Lucy Sumner.
Apr. 12, 1772. Samuel Whittemore, jr.
Apr. 26, 1772. James White.
May 24, 1772. —
Margaret Seaver.
Samuel Bowen.
Mary Bowen.
Elizabeth Adams.

July 5, 1772. Aaron Blaney.

Aug. 16, 1772. —

Stephen Williams, b. Dec. 16, 1746; d. 1807; m. (1) Mary Langdon, (2) Lois Cunningham. Town Clerk of Roxbury. Tin ware merchant. His property was destroyed by the British during the Revolution and he became a farmer at Canterbury, now Forest Hills, later resuming his old business. Owner of Pew No. 37, Lower Floor, Fifth Meeting House.

Mary Williams, wife of Stephen.

Sept. 27, 1772. —

Samuel Croxfort.

John Ward, b. Dec. 6, 1748; d. Apr. 29, 1828; m. (1) Martha Shed, (2) Mrs. Elizabeth (Ruggles) Brewer. Farmer. Owner of Pew No. 11, Lower Floor, Fifth Meeting House.

Oct. 4, 1772. —

Nathaniel Scott, m. Sally ———. Manufacturer. Owner of Pew No. 63, Lower Floor, Fifth Meeting House.

Stephen Jennings.

Mary Jennings.

Nov. 8, 1772. Mary Cheney.

Feb. 7, 1773. —

Noah Parker.

Eleanor Parker.

Feb. 28, 1773. —

Caleb Hayward.

Catherine Williams.

Mch. 21, 1773. Enoch Hyde.

Apr. 25, 1773. —

Job Bearce.

Abigail Parker.

Sarah Parker.

May 23, 1773. —

Thomas Clark.

Ebenezer Bugbee, b. Jan. 28, 1750/1; d. Jan. 12, 1834; m. Mary White. Currier. Owner of Pew No. 49, Lower Floor, Fifth Meeting House.

Aug. 22, 1773. Nathan Shed.

Nov. 7, 1773. —

Charles Belknap.

Mary Belknap.

Jan. 4, 1774. Rev. Jonathan Bowman, dismissed from Dorchester.

Jan. 30, 1774. —

Sarah Kelton.

Anna Pike.

Feb. 20, 1774. John Whitney.

Mch. 27, 1774. —
Joanna Williams.
Hannah Hunt.

Apr. 17, 1774. Joseph Payson.

May 22, 1774. —
Levy Whitman.
Patty Howard, dismissed from Pomfret.

Oct. 9, 1774. —
Benjamin Stevens.
William Felton.
Eunice Felton.
Anna Pierpont.
Mary Pierpont.
James Ireland.

Nov. 6, 1774. —
Nathaniel Healy.
Joseph Ruggles, son of Capt. Joseph and Rebecca (Curtis) Ruggles, b. Dec. 16, 1750; d. May 15, 1811; m. Joanna Williams. Lived where the Norfolk House now stands. He and his brother Nathaniel kept the store next to the Parsonage. Parish Treasurer. Member of Parish Committee. Member of Roxbury Charitable Society. Owner of Pew No. 94, Lower Floor, Fifth Meeting House.
Sarah Ruggles.
Samuel Weld.

Dec. 4, 1774. —
Samuel Heath.
Mary Heath.

Dec. 25, 1774. Joseph Richardson.

Jan. 1, 1775. Elizabeth Williams.

Jan. 22, 1775. James Howe.

Feb. 12, 1775. Daniel Brown.

Mch. 5 1775. —
Ephraim Hyde.
Abigail Hyde.

Apr. 9, 1775. —
Adam Patty.
Louis Patty.

June 13, 1779. —
Thomas Dana.
Capt. Eben Gore.

July 11, 1779. Isaac Belknap.
Oct. 3, 1779. —
Capt. William Heath.
Abigail Heath, wife of William.
Jan 23, 1780. —
William Dorr.
James Orr.
July 16, 1780. Thomas Cheaney.
July 22, 1780. John Swift.
Feb. 18, 1781. Priscilla Fuller.
Jan. 6, 1782. Edward Turner, b. 1755; d. Dec. 25, 1838; m. Lucy Hyland. Sexton of this meeting house. Constable. Sheriff of Norfolk County. Part owner of Square Pew No. 9 in Gallery, Fifth Meeting House.
Jan. 20, 1782. Katy Weld, widow.
Feb. 17, 1782. —
Joseph Gore, b. May 13, 1753; d. Feb. 5, 1824; m. Meriba Thayer. Taught school in Roxbury. A soldier of the Revolution. Owner of Square Pew No. 3 in Gallery, Fifth Meeting House.
Benjamin West.
Dec. 22, 1782. Elizabeth Woods.
Mch. 16, 1783. Daniel Learned.
Mch. 23, 1783. Samuel Hayward.
April 27, 1783. —
Lemuel Bradley.
———, wife of Lemuel Bradley.
——— Cunningham.
June 8, 1783. —
Elijah Weld.
———, wife of Elijah Weld.
Nov. 30, 1783.
Phineas Child.
———, wife of Phineas Child.
Mch. 14, 1784. —
Jonathan Brintneal.
Polly Brintneal, wife of Jonathan.
Mch. 21, 1784. William Blaney, b. July 22, 1757; d. Jan. 25, 1824; m. Catherine Mears. Wharfinger on Central Wharf. Architect of the Fifth Meeting House. Owner of Pew No. 53, Lower Floor, Fifth Meeting House.
April 25, 1784. William Williams, Jr.
May 9, 1784. Abigail Boven, wife of Joshua.

July 4, 1784. —
Robert Lovering.
———, wife of Robert Lovering.
Sarah Sever, widow.
Aug. 29, 1784. Rebecca Bliss, wife of Elijah.
Nov. 7, 1784. Elijah Field.
Dec. 19, 1784. —
Thomas Mayo.
———, wife of Thomas Mayo.
Elisha Mayo.
May 28, 1785. Martha Ruggles, afterwards wife of Rev. John Fairfield.
Oct. 9, 1785. George Ziegler, b. in 1759, in Germany; d. Jan. 29, 1819; m. Mary Blaney. Landholder. Built the City Hotel in Roxbury. Trustee of the Roxbury Latin School. Owner of Pew No. 7, Lower Floor, Fifth Meeting House.
Oct. 30, 1785. Samuel Curtis.
Jan. 1, 1786. John Holbrook.
Jan. 15, 1786. —
Charles Dinsdel.
Ebenezer Scott.
Feb. 5, 1786. Solomon Hunter.
Mch. 12, 1786. Ebenezer Fox, b. Jan. 30, 1763; d. Dec. 14, 1843; unmarried. Cabin boy when about 12 years old. Afterwards apprenticed to a barber. In 1779 he entered the army and served two months. Soon after entered the navy, serving to the end of the Revolution. Then opened a barber shop in Roxbury, and afterwards a crockery store. Postmaster in Roxbury in 1831. In 1838 wrote his "Adventures." Owner of Pew No. 12, Lower Floor, Fifth Meeting House.
Mch. 19, 1786. Caleb Aspinwall.
Apr. 22, 1786. John Dove.
Feb. 4, 1787. Edward Thomas.
Mch. 11, 1787. James Mears, Jr.
May 6, 1787. Joanna Goddard, widow.
May 20, 1787. Nath[l] Winship.
June 3, 1787. —
George Bacon.
Hephzibah Bacon, wife of George.
July 8, 1787. Thaddeus Bruse.
July 29 1787. Nathaniel Ruggles, son of Capt. Joseph and Rebecca (Curtis) Ruggles, b. Nov. 11, 1761; d. Dec. 19, 1819; m. Sarah Fellowes. H. C. 1781. Studied law with Judge Sumner, afterwards Governor. Gave up law and became a merchant. He filled many

civil and military offices in the State. Representative in Congress. Parish Clerk. Member Parish Committee. Owner of Pew No. 2, Lower Floor, Fifth Meeting House.

Sept. 23, 1787. —

David Swift.

Jonathan Patten.

Oct. 27, 1787. Abigail Craft, widow.

Jan. 20, 1788. Samuel Quincy.

Feb. 24, 1788. Increase Davis.

Apr. 6, 1788. James Lewis, b. 1743; d. Dec., 1826; m. Hannah Seaver. Farmer. Owner of Pew No. 4 in Gallery, Fifth Meeting House.

July 27, 1788. Hannah Dana, widow.

Aug. 10, 1788. —

John Montgomery.

———, wife of John Montgomery.

Nov. 16, 1788. —

Simon Willard, b. Apr. 3, 1754; d. Aug. 30, 1849; m. Mary Leeds A famous clockmaker. A volunteer from Grafton on the Lexington alarm. Received a patent from the Government for his improved time piece. Appointed in 1791 to take care of the church clock, & had charge of it for many years.

———, wife of David Swift.

Dec. 14, 1788. —

Joseph Clarke.

———, wife of Joseph Clarke.

Jan. 11, 1789. Thomas Adams, H. C. 1788.

Feb. 8, 1789. —

Nathaniel Brewer.

———, wife of Nathaniel Brewer.

Apr. 5, 1789. Stephen Mansfield, b. 1762; d. Dec. 18, 1808; m. Nancy Crosby. Cordwainer. Part owner of Pew No. 25, Lower Floor, Fifth Meeting House.

Apr. 26, 1789. —

Elizab. Nolen, widow, dismissed from Hollis St. Church, Boston.

Grace Shed, wife of Oliver.

May 24, 1789. Samuel Weld, b. June 18, 1755; d. June 8, 1826; m. Elizabeth Williams. Farmer. Part owner of Pew No. 8, Lower Floor, Fifth Meeting House.

July 19, 1789. Patty Jackson.

July 26, 1789. Anna Williams, widow.

Oct. 4, 1789. Ebenezer Seaver, b. July 5, 1763; d. March 1, 1844; m. Elizabeth Clap. H. C. 1784. Farmer. Selectman of Roxbury. Representative. Moderator at town meetings. Parish Treasurer 1814–

1825. Member of Congress. Owner of Pew No. 54, Lower Floor, Fifth Meeting House.

Nov. 1, 1789. Mary Ziegler, wife of George.

Jan. 24, 1790. Thomas Wyman, Jr., b. Jan. 21, 1761; d. May 31, 1816; m. Sarah White. Farmer. Soldier of the Revolution. Owner of Pew No. 55, Lower Floor, Fifth Meeting House.

Feb. 28, 1790. John Bartlett, b. 1760; d. Nov. 26, 1844; m. Abigail Williams. H.C. 1781. Only physician in Roxbury for many years. One of the founders of the Roxbury Charitable Society, and of the Humane Society of Mass. Trustee of the Roxbury Latin School. President of the Bank of Norfolk. Treasurer of the Institution for Savings in Roxbury. Fellow of the Mass. Medical Society. Owner of Pew No. 31, Lower Floor, Fifth Meeting House.

April 4, 1790. —

Humphrey Bicknell, b. July 1, 1762; d. Dec. 31, 1849; m. Jemima Jackson. Mason and contractor. Part owner of Pew No. 58, Lower Floor, Fifth Meeting House.

John Mears.

July 25, 1790. Thomas Read.

Sept. 19, 1790. William Emmerson. H. C. 1789. Schoolmaster.

Oct. 17, 1790. William Heath, Jr., b. Sept. 23, 1762; d. March 8, 1836; m. Elizabeth Spooner. Farmer. Owner of Square Pew No. 25 in Gallery, Fifth Meeting House.

Nov. 7, 1790. Asa Hunting, b. Aug. 24, 1759; d. March, 1834; m. Abigail Blaney. Cabinet maker. Owner of Square Pew No. 32 in Gallery, Fifth Meeting House.

Aug. 21, 1791. Rebecca Wait, widow.

Sept. 25, 1791. Jesse Doggett, b. Jan. 12, 1761; d. Aug. 10, 1813; m. Elizabeth Sumner. Tavern-keeper. Leather dresser. Train-band Captain. Owner of Pew No. 52, Lower Floor, Fifth Meeting House.

Oct. 16, 1791. Sarah Greaton, wife of R. H. Greaton.

Oct. 30, 1791. —

Elijah Eastey.

———, wife of Elijah Eastey.

Jan. 15, 1792. Joel Gay.

Mch. 18, 1792. Richard Allen.

Apr. 29, 1792. John Paddleford.

June 24, 1792. Nathaniel Tileston.

Sept. 9, 1792. Joseph Muncrief.

Nov. 11, 1792. Isabel Dudley, wife of Elijah.

Jan. 13, 1793. —

Zacharias Shed.

Hannah Shed, wife of Zacharias.

Feb. 3, 1793. Sarah Robbins.

Mch. 3, 1793. Zabdiel Adams, b. Dec. 9, 1767; d. Mch. 24, 1819; m. (1) Rachel Lyon, (2) Mrs. Abby Pond Richardson. Hatter. Part owner of Pew No. 60, Lower Floor, Fifth Meeting House.

May 26, 1793. —

Jona. Trull.

Mary Herring, widow.

Sept. 15, 1793. William Barnes, b. 1761; d. 1809; m. Jane Thompson. Soldier of the Revolution. Lt. Col. Commandant of Militia. Owner of Pew No. 56, Lower Floor, Fifth Meeting House.

Oct., 1793. William Cummens, b. 1768; d. Apr. 20, 1834; m. Polly Mayo. Clock maker. Owner of Pew No. 21, Lower Floor, Fifth Meeting House.

Nov. 10, 1793. —

John Swift.

———, wife of John Swift.

April 6, 1794. —

John Clap, see Deacons, Fifth Meeting House.

Thomas Mayo, b. July 24, 1767; d. May 26, 1850; m. Mrs. Mary Gore. Innkeeper. A founder of the Universalist Church. Part owner of Pew No. 13, Lower Floor, Fifth Meeting House.

May 11, 1794. Otis Gould, d. 1843; m. (1) Ruth White, (2) Mrs. Asenath Bacon. Hatter. Held town offices. Part owner of Pew No. 51, Lower Floor, Fifth Meeting House.

May 25, 1794. Martha Mayhew, wife of Simeon.

June 1, 1794. Ephraim Mills.

June 8, 1794. Elizabeth Harris, widow.

June 22, 1794. —

Geo. Nolen.

Hannah Parker, wife of William.

Aug. 3, 1794. Olive Fessenden, wife of Henry.

Aug. 17, 1794. Luther Fuller.

Aug. 31, 1794. —

Joseph Ruggles, Jr.

Thomas Rumrill, b. Nov. 30, 1762; d. Nov. 10, 1849; m. (1) Abigail Richardson, (2) Mrs. Sally (Dudley) Fellowes. Baker. A soldier of the Revolution. Part owner of Pew No. 69, Lower Floor, Fifth Meeting House.

Feb. 8, 1795. William Fisk.

Mch. 22, 1795. Eben. Fuller.

Apr. 26, 1795. —

Wyatt Herring.

Benjamin Seaver, b. Sept. 28, 1766; d. June 29, 1815; m. Debby Loud. Auctioneer. Owner of Pew No. 77, Lower Floor, Fifth Meeting House.

Sept. 20, 1795. John W. Fellowes.

Jan. 3, 1796. —

Polly Freeman, wife of Philip, from ye Ch. at Brooklyne.

Simeon Pratt, fr. 1st Church in Cambridge. Part owner of Pew No. 58, Lower Floor, Fifth Meeting House.

Sarah Pratt, wife of Simeon.

Jan. 17, 1796. John Wyman.

Mch. 13, 1796. Ebenezer Brewer, m. (1) Mary Foster, (2) Elizabeth White. Merchant. Representative. A founder of the Universalist Church. Part owner of Pew No. 96, Lower Floor Fifth Meeting House.

May 1, 1796. Rufus Foster.

May 22, 1796. —

Samuel Freeman.

Rebecca Freeman, wife of Samuel.

Aug. 28, 1796. —

Charles Joy, b. July 27, 1773; d. June 10, 1838; m. Dorcas Babb. Cooper. A founder of the Universalist Church. Part owner of Pew No. 50, Lower Floor, Fifth Meeting House.

Lemuel Pierce, owner of Pew No. 93, Lower Floor, Fifth Meeting House.

Sept. 18, 1796. Stedman Williams, b. Mch. 16, 1773; d. Feb. 16, 1852; m. Betsey Williams. Farmer. Member of the Society for apprehending horse thieves in 1819. Owner of Pew No. 105, Lower Floor, Fifth Meeting House.

Oct. 2, 1796. John Davis.

Nov. 27, 1796. Samuel Fiske.

Jan. 8, 1797. —

Nathaniel Whiting Williams.

Mary Williams, wife of Nathaniel Whiting Williams.

Jan. 15, 1797. —

Samuel Blaney, b. Dec. 6, 1759; d. May 2, 1826; m. Anna Curtis. Deputy Sheriff for Norfolk County. Owner of Pew No. 82, Lower Floor, Fifth Meeting House.

Mary Shed.

Elizabeth Shed.

Feb. 26, 1797. Rebecca Lowell, wife of (Judge) John.

Apr. 23, 1797. —

Levi Pratt.

Sukey Clap, wife of John.

May 21, 1797. —

Benjamin Weld, b. 1767; d. Sept. 24, 1852; m. Elizabeth Heath. Merchant. Trustee of the Roxbury Latin School. Part owner of Pew No. 75, Lower Floor, Fifth Meeting House.

Phinehas Withington, b. June 23, 1764; d. Jan. 1, 1829; m. Hannah Leeds. At first kept an Inn in Jamaica Plain, afterwards another Inn on Naushon Island during the War of 1812. Owner of Pew No. 95, Lower Floor, Fifth Meeting House.

June 18, 1797. —

Susannah Lowder.

Sally Williams.

June 25, 1797. Jacob Gould, b. Jan. 14, 1765; d. Sept. 25, 1811; m. Lucy Ruggles. Farmer. Part owner of Pew No. 78, Lower Floor, Fifth Meeting House.

July 23, 1797. William Landers.

Aug. 13, 1797. Robert Pierpont.

Oct. 29, 1797. William Seaver, Jr.

Nov. 5, 1797. Sarah Pierpont, wife of Robert.

Jan. 21, 1798. William Robbins.

May 20, 1798. —

Mary Willard, wife of Aaron.

Joel Whiting, b. 1769; d. Oct. 4, 1845; m. Abigail Sumner Williams. Merchant. Owner of Pew No. 20, Lower Floor, Fifth Meeting House.

June 17, 1798. Lemuel B. Davis.

July 29, 1798. William Davis, see Deacons, Fifth Meeting House.

Aug. 12, 1798. John Bryant Braid.

Aug. 26, 1798. Joel Seaverns, b. May 22, 1767; d. Feb. 12, 1827; m. (1) Deborah Crosby, (2) Olive Draper Gay. Farmer. Part owner of Pew No. 59, Lower Floor, Fifth Meeting House.

Dec. 23, 1798. Matthew Gardner.

Mch 31, 1799. Nathan Watson.

May 5, 1799. Dan'l Haynes.

June 23, 1799. Joseph James, b. 1773; d. Nov. 18, 1838; m. Mary Robinson. Carpenter. A founder of the Universalist Church. Owner of Square Pew No. 6 in Gallery, Fifth Meeting House.

Sept. 29, 1799. Nathaniel Seaver, b. Feb. 7, 1773; d. Oct. 27, 1827; m. Hannah Loco. Merchant. Owner of Pew No. 74, Lower Floor, Fifth Meeting House.

Nov. 24, 1799. Benj. Marshall, part owner of Pew No. 67, Lower Floor, Fifth Meeting House.

Jan. 19, 1800. Joseph Heath, b. Apr. 2, 1766; d. July 6, 1842; m. (1) Naomi Vose, (2) Mrs. Hannah (Davis) Murdock. Farmer. Owner of Square Pew No. 19 in Gallery, Fifth Meeting House.

Feb. 2, 1800. Solomon Jones, m. Nabby Baker. Part owner of Pew No. 78, Lower Floor, Fifth Meeting House.

Feb. 16, 1800. Isaac Shaw, b. 1772; d. May 31, 1817; m. (1) Nancy Brown Bosson, (2) Polly Taylor. Truckman. Part owner of Square Pew No. 15 in Gallery, Fifth Meeting House.

May 4, 1800. —

Charles Davis, b. Mch. 29, 1772; d. Feb. 8, 1842; m. Harriet Fellowes. He and his brother Aaron were Manufacturers and Exporters. They formed a company which built the Roxbury Canal. Parish clerk. Member of Parish Committee. Trustee of the Roxbury Latin School. Owner of Pew No. 102, Lower Floor, Fifth Meeting House.

James Henderson.

Sept 7, 1800. Mary Blaney, widow.

Nov. 30, 1800. William McCarty, b. Sept. 30, 1773; d. Dec. 3, 1830; m. Martha Nolen. Member of Parish Committee. Owner of Square Pew No. 23 in Gallery, Fifth Meeting House.

Dec. 21, 1800. Charles James.

Jan. 18, 1801. Noah Perrin Williams.

Mch. 15, 1801. Elisha Forbes, b. June 2, 1773; d. Jan. 29, 1821; m. Nancy Burrill. Provision dealer. Part owner of Pew No. 10, Lower Floor, Fifth Meeting House.

Mch. 22, 1801. Patty Ruggles.

Mch. 29, 1801. Joseph Davis, b. May 26, 1779; d. May 8, 1814; m. Elsie Donnell Fellowes. East Indian Merchant. Owner of Pew No. 103, Lower Floor, Fifth Meeting House.

Apr. 5, 1801. Joseph Seaver, b. April 12, 1777; d. Aug. 17, 1811; m. Abigail Whitney. Provision dealer. Owner of Pew No. 34, Lower Floor, Fifth Meeting House. His son Joseph was the first boy and second child baptised in the Fifth Meeting House.

June 21, 1801. Grant Learned.

Aug. 2, 1801. Seth Lawrence.

Aug. 16, 1801. Samuel Gore.

Aug. 23, 1801. John Seaver, b. Aug. 24, 1773; d. March 25, 1856; m. Betsey Dudley. Sexton of the Fifth Meeting House from April 28, 1821, to Feb. 29, 1844. Owner of Pew No. 46, Lower Floor, Fifth Meeting House.

Sept. 20, 1801. John Downer.

Oct. 18, 1801. Joseph Dudley, b. Oct. 16, 1780; d. Feb. 28, 1827; m. Pedy Whitney. Gave the site for a town house afterwards the City

Hall. Member Parish Committee. Husbandman. Owner of Pew No. 104, Lower Floor, Fifth Meeting House.

Oct. 25, 1801. Sarah Davis, widow.

Nov. 15, 1801. —

Elisha Hathaway.

Samuel Williams.

Dec. 13, 1801. Edward Humphrey.

Jan. 3, 1802. Jesse Stetson, b. 1780; d. Aug. 16, 1847; m. Sally Dickerman. Owner of Square Pew No. 27 in Gallery, Fifth Meeting House. Wheelwright.

Feb. 7 1802. Aaron Rumrill, b. 1770; d. July 10, 1811; m. Ann ———. Baker. Part owner of Square Pew No. 15 in Gallery, Fifth Meeting House.

Feb. 21, 1802. Charles Lowell, son of Judge John Lowell, b. Aug. 15, 1782; d. Jan. 20, 1861; m. Harriet Bracket Spence. H. C. 1800. Ordained Pastor of the West Church in Boston, Jan. 1, 1806, and officiated 55 years. Received the honorary degree of D.D. from Harvard College in 1823. Secretary of Mass. Historical Society. One of the founders of the Society of Northern Antiquarians of Copenhagen, Denmark. Corresponding member of the Archeological Society of Authors.

April 11, 1802. William Patten, b. Dec. 10, 1772; d. Aug. 13, 1861; m. Sarah Williams. Leather merchant. Part owner of Pew No. 39, Lower Floor, Fifth Meeting House.

May 9, 1802. Joseph Crafts, b. 1775; d. March 28, 1842; m. (1) Elizabeth Mellish, (2) Eunice Dowse. Tanner.

July 4, 1802. John Bower.

July 18, 1802. Joseph Stratton.

Sept. 12, 1802. Aaron Child, b. Jan. 1, 1770; d. May 11, 1847; m. Polly Hall. Housewright. Owner of Square Pew No. 37 in Gallery, Fifth Meeting House.

Nov. 14, 1802. David Baker, b. Sept. 7, 1755; m. (1) Hannah Geegins, (2) Amy Williams. Currier. Owner of Pew No. 19, Lower Floor, Fifth Meeting House.

Nov. 28, 1802. Stephen Goddard.

Feb. 13, 1803. —

Aaron Pomeroy, buried Aug. 21, 1821; m. Abigail Burrell. Blacksmith. Part owner of Pew No. 10, Lower Floor, Fifth Meeting House.

Dudley Williams, b. Sept. 6, 1775; buried Sept. 25, 1811; m. Polly Williams. Member of Roxbury City Guard. Alderman. A proprietor of the Roxbury Athenaeum. Owner of Pew No. 14, Lower Floor, Fifth Meeting House.

Feb. 20, 1803. Mary Mears, wife of James, Jr.

March 20, 1803. Adin Ayres.

Capt. Stoddard's New Brick Building

CHURCH MEMBERS

July 10, 1803. Jacob Allen, b. May 14, 1776; d. Jan. 31, 1860; m. Sibyl Willett. Carpenter and builder. Owner of Pew No. 14, Lower Floor, Fifth Meeting House.

Aug. 21, 1803. Ephraim Cutting.

Oct. 2, 1803. Jacob Skinner.

Nov. 27, 1803. —

William Hazlett, b. 1770; d. July 17, 1823; m. (1) Eliza Kingsbury, (2) Sarah Walker. Innkeeper. Owner of Pew No. 65, Lower Floor, Fifth Meeting House.

Eliza Hazlett, wife of William.

Dec. 25, 1803. Daniel Whitney.

Jan. 29, 1804. Joseph Ware, b. 1780; d. July 22, 1830; m. Nancy Smith. Part owner of Pew No. 44, Lower Floor, Fifth Meeting House.

May 27, 1804. Jesse Joy.

The Fifth Meeting House

PASTORS

Rev. Eliphalet Porter, D.D.
Rev. George Putnam, D.D.
Rev. Mr. John Graham Brooks
Rev. James De Normandie, D.D.

DEACONS

Samuel Sumner
Nehemiah Munroe
Joshua Felton
William Davis
Ebenezer Crafts
John Clap
Jonathan Avery Richards
Rufus Wyman, M.D.
Benjamin Kent
Charles Knapp Dillaway
Supply Clap Thwing
John Hunt
Adams Ayer
Edward Belcher Reynolds
Joseph Warren Tucker
Jeremiah Plimpton
John Joseph May
Henry Dan Wilmarth
Robert Comfort Metcalf
William Francis Crafts
John Noble
Isaac Gover
Henry Clay Whitcomb

PARISH CLERK

Nathaniel Ruggles	elected April 29, 1793
Ebenezer Brewer	elected April 29, 1805
John Champney	elected April 30, 1811
Charles Davis	elected April 29, 1813
William Davis	elected April 21, 1814
William Bosson	elected April 27, 1815
Dr. Nathaniel Shepherd Prentiss	elected April 21, 1817
Dr. Peter Gilman Robbins	elected April 4, 1821
David Allen Simmons	elected April 18, 1822

At a meeting held April 4, 1825, the above title was changed to Clerk of the Society and the date of the Annual Meeting to Jan. 2, 1826.

CLERK OF THE SOCIETY

David Allen Simmons	elected April 4, 1825
David Allen Simmons	re-elected Jan. 2, 1826
Deacon William Davis	elected Jan. 12, 1829
Joseph Warren Tucker	elected Jan. 7, 1850
William Crosby	elected Jan. 4, 1886
George Allen Dary	elected Jan. 1, 1894

PARISH TREASURER

Joseph Ruggles	elected Dec. 11, 1787
William Heath, Jr.	elected April 29, 1805
Asa Whitney	elected April 22, 1812
William Heath, Jr.	elected April 29, 1813
Ebenezer Seaver	elected April 21, 1814

At a meeting held April 4, 1825, the above title was changed to

TREASURER OF THE SOCIETY

John Lemist	elected April 4, 1825
John Lemist	re-elected Jan. 2, 1826
Nathaniel Dorr	elected Jan. 12, 1829
Thomas Simmons	elected Jan. 4, 1830
John Champney	elected Jan. 2, 1832
John Jones Clarke	elected Jan. 5, 1835

Baman Stone	elected Jan. 16, 1856
Charles Knapp Dillaway	elected Jan. 27, 1862
Edward Belcher Reynolds	elected Jan. 4, 1886
William Crosby	elected Jan. 1, 1894
Alfred Monson Bullard	elected Jan. 4, 1904

PARISH COMMITTEES

Elected July 10, 1794

Joseph Ruggles

Deacon Nehemiah Munroe Nathaniel Ruggles

Elected April 29, 1805

Ebenezer Brewer

Daniel Saunderson Joseph Heath

Elected May 6, 1805

Ebenezer Brewer

Major William Bosson William Heath, Jr

William Heath, Jr., desired to be excused from serving, so Joseph Dudley was chosen and elected May 13, 1805.

Elected April 25, 1806

Ebenezer Brewer Major William Bosson

John Champney in place of

Benjamin Weld who declined office

Elected April 29, 1807

Ebenezer Brewer

Capt. Joseph Dudley Capt. Benjamin Weld

Elected April 30, 1810

Ebenezer Brewer

Col. Joseph Dudley John Champney

Elected April 22, 1812

Ebenezer Brewer

Isaac Davis John Champney

Elected April 29, 1813

Capt. Jonathan Dorr

Major Benjamin Weld Charles Davis

Elected April 21, 1814
EBENEZER BREWER
ISAAC DAVIS WILLIAM DAVIS

Elected April 27, 1815
ISAAC DAVIS
WILLIAM DAVIS WILLIAM BOSSON

Elected April 16, 1816
JOHN CLAP
WILLIAM BOSSON DR. NATHANIEL SHEPHERD PRENTISS

Elected April 13, 1818
JOHN CLAP
DEACON WILLIAM DAVIS
DR. NATHANIEL SHEPHERD PRENTISS

Elected April 4, 1821
JONATHAN DORR
JOHN CHAMPNEY WILLIAM BLANEY

Elected April 18, 1822
BENJAMIN WELD in place of CHARLES DAVIS who declined
JOHN LEMIST SAMUEL GUILD

Elected April 25, 1823
ELIJAH LEWIS
STEPHEN CHILD DAVID ALLEN SIMMONS

Elected April 15, 1824
WILLIAM MCCARTHY
COL. JONATHAN A. RICHARDS DAVID ALLEN SIMMONS

STANDING COMMITTEES
Title changed April 4, 1825

Elected April 4, 1825
CHARLES DAVIS
JONATHAN DORR ISAAC DAVIS
Above were re-elected Jan. 2, 1826

Elected Jan. 8, 1827
JOHN CHAMPNEY SAMUEL JACKSON GARDNER
Assistants Re-elected in 1828

Elected Jan. 4, 1830

JOHN LEMIST

EBENEZER CRAFTS DAVID DUDLEY

Elected Jan. 3, 1831

JOHN LEMIST

EBENEZER CRAFTS SUPPLY CLAP THWING

Elected Jan. 2, 1832

JOHN LEMIST

SUPPLY CLAP THWING DAVID DUDLEY

Elected Jan. 23, 1833

JOHN LEMIST

WATSON GORE BENJAMIN FRANKLIN COPELAND

Elected Jan. 6, 1834

BENJAMIN FRANKLIN COPELAND

WATSON GORE DR. HENRY BARTLETT

Elected Jan. 4, 1836

RICHARD WARD

THOMAS BREWER EPHRAIM HARRINGTON

Elected Jan. 2, 1837

RICHARD WARD

EPHRAIM HARRINGTON DANIEL ANDREW SIGOURNEY

Elected Jan. 7, 1839

RICHARD WARD

EPHRAIM HARRINGTON CHARLES KNAPP DILLAWAY

Elected Jan. 1, 1844

RICHARD WARD

CHARLES KNAPP DILLAWAY JONATHAN PRATT ROBINSON

Elected Jan. 3, 1853

RICHARD WARD

CUSHING STETSON JAMES GUILD

Elected Jan. 16, 1856

THOMAS SIMMONS

THEODORE OTIS AARON DAVIS WILLIAMS

Elected Jan. 5, 1857

CHARLES KNAPP DILLAWAY

CUSHING STETSON THEODORE OTIS

Elected Jan. 3, 1859

CHARLES KNAPP DILLAWAY

CUSHING STETSON EDWARD WYMAN

Elected Jan. 5, 1863

EDWARD WYMAN

WILLIAM JAMES REYNOLDS WILLIAM CHANNING APPLETON

Elected Jan. 4, 1864

EDWARD WYMAN

WILLIAM JAMES REYNOLDS GEORGE LEWIS

Elected Jan. 1, 1866

GEORGE LEWIS

SAMUEL CROCKER COBB SHUBAEL GORHAM ROGERS

Elected Feb. 6, 1866

JAMES RITCHIE in place of SHUBAEL GORHAM ROGERS

Elected Jan. 7, 1867

GEORGE LEWIS

SAMUEL CROCKER COBB JOHN FELT OSGOOD

Elected Jan. 1, 1872

SAMUEL CROCKER COBB

JOHN ROGERS ADAMS AYER

Elected Jan. 6, 1873

SAMUEL CROCKER COBB

JOHN ROGERS JAMES THACHER HAYWARD

Elected Jan. 4, 1875

WILLIAM CROSBY

JOHN ROGERS WILLIAM BLANCHARD

Elected Jan. 7, 1878

DAVID MILLER HODGDON

AUGUSTUS PARKER ADAMS AYER

Elected Jan. 6, 1879

DAVID MILLER HODGDON
HENRY A. S. D. DUDLEY HENRY WARE PUTNAM

Elected Jan. 1, 1883

DAVID MILLER HODGDON
HENRY WARE PUTNAM CHARLES MILTON SEAVER

Elected Jan. 7, 1884

DAVID MILLER HODGDON
CHARLES MILTON SEAVER CHARLES ANDREWS GRINNELL

Elected Jan. 7, 1889

DEPENDENCE STURTEVANT WATERMAN
HORACE BACON JAMES CLARKE DAVIS

Elected Jan. 4, 1892.

DEPENDENCE STURTEVANT WATERMAN
JAMES CLARKE DAVIS SAMUEL EVERETT TINKHAM

SEXTONS

EDWARD TURNER served from Feb. 27, 1796, to April 28, 1812.

At a meeting held April 28, 1812, Edward Turner was elected to attend funerals, &c., Mr. Hervey Woods to do the other work of the sexton and Mr. Abraham Crawley to wind up and take care of the clocks.

HERVEY WOODS served from April, 1813, to April, 1819.
EDWARD TURNER served from April, 1819, to April, 1821.
JOHN SEAVER served from April 28, 1821, to Feb. 29, 1844.
WILLIAM SEAVER served three months to Jan. 28, 1825.
(John Seaver was probably absent.)
HORACE BACON served from March, 1844, to June 30, 1850.
NATHAN HAYNES served from July 1, 1850, to April 1, 1857.
THOMAS COLLIGAN served from April 1, 1857, to April 1, 1877.

CHARLES S. CHAMPNEY served from April 1, 1877, to March 14, 1897.

JOHN HALL served from March 14, 1897, to June 20, 1897.

JOHN B. JOHNSON served from June 21, 1897, to May 15, 1904.

WILLIAM SLATER served from May 15, 1904.

THE FIFTH MEETING HOUSE

With the nineteenth century there came a change in the creed of the old church. The earliest intimation of dissent in Boston from the Calvinistic creed of the Congregational church was in 1747 when Jonathan Mayhew was settled over the West church in Boston. After the Revolution many Unitarians, then called Arminians, filled the Congregational pulpits in and around Boston, and by 1782 Unitarianism was brought prominently to the front. In our church, Dr. Porter's sermon before the Convention of ministers in Boston may be called the turning point, and since his day we have become a Unitarian church.

The committee, to whom was left the choice of plans for a new Meeting House, had three placed before them from which to choose, and that of the Newburyport Meeting House appeared to them the most suitable for Roxbury. The architect of that building is unknown, though tradition says it was Timothy Palmer. With a few alterations this plan was adopted and Mr. William Blaney appears to have been the chief consulting architect. May 26, 1803, the Building committee was directed to build stairs and make entrance to the gallery at the East end in the most convenient mode consistent with the present plan.

July 20, 1803, " the builders began to raise the frame and finished raising it in four days without any evil occurance," and when completed the building proved highly satisfactory, and was thought to be one of the most commodious and

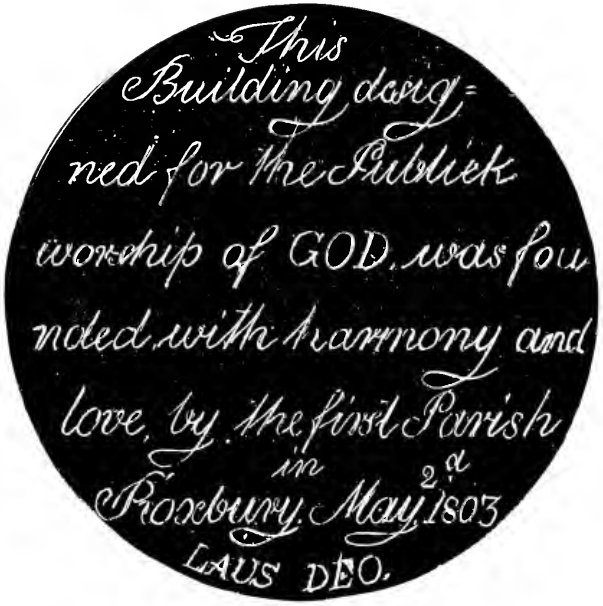
beautiful of all the old Meeting Houses in New England. The timbers were massive, the proportions good and the acoustic properties perfect. The building measures 80 feet by 70 feet on the outside with a seating capacity of about one thousand.

Its great simplicity is its most striking feature. It has no ornamentation, with the exception of the Memorial Tablets recently put in, and is without stained glass windows. For a century it has proved a Meeting House in the most devout sense of the word. A place of worship and religious devotion, with old associations of our immediate ancestors.

The corner stone at the west corner was laid with appropriate ceremonies and there was supposed to have been deposited under this stone a circular silver plate with the inscription: —

This
Building desig-
ned for the Publick
worship of God was fou
nded with harmony and
love by the first Parish
in
Roxbury May 2d 1803
Laus Deo.

Ten years later at a meeting of the Parish Committee, May 10, 1813, Capt. Jonathan Dorr received from Mr. Ebenezer Brewer this identical plate which he was requested to place in the hands of William Heath, Jr., Treasurer. This event took place soon after a discourse by Rev. Dr. Porter from Acts xviii, 17, "Then all the Greeks took Sosthenes, the chief ruler of the synagogue, and beat him before the judgment seat. And Gallio cared for none of those things." Upon the back of the plate when returned there was found attached to it a piece of paper on which was written


This
Building design=
ned for the Publick
worship of GOD. was fou.
nded with harmony and
love, by the first Parish
in
Roxbury, May 2d 1803
LAUS DEO.

THE PLATE.



THE PLATE AS RETURNED WITH INSCRIPTION

This Tallant
which the sloth
full servant hid in
earth mite have been
sold for six shillings
and seven pence and
given to the poor
But Galleio cared
for none of these
things.

May 7, 1804, the Parish voted to purchase only one clock for the inside of the Meeting House until the pews are sold. This clock was made by Simon Willard and is undoubtedly the one still in the church.

May 10, 1804, shortly after 9 o'clock in the morning, Mr. Lewis Hoyt, the auctioneer, proceeded to sell the pews which continued through the day and the pews were all sold, excepting Pew No. 1 reserved for the Pastor and his family, and Pews Nos. 85, 86, 87, 88 reserved for the future disposition of the parish, realizing the sum of $7706. The surplus arising from this sale, after all the just demands arising in consequence of building said meeting house were paid and deduction for a new clock, was paid to the several persons who were assessed and did pay a Parish Tax in this Parish for the last year in proportion to the said tax they severally paid in said Parish the last year, being the year 1804.

This New Meeting House was dedicated to the service of God on Thursday the 7th Day of June, A.D. 1804. Sermon by Dr. Porter, the text being Ezra vi, 16, "And the children of Israel, the priests and the Levites, and the rest of the children of the captivity, kept the dedication of this house of God with joy." The 10th day of June, 1804, was the first Sabbath on which there was preaching in the new house.

By vote of the parish, Feb. 11, 1805, town meetings in the

Meeting House were interdicted, and as a result a town house was built soon after.

In April, 1805, a committee reported to the Parish that an act of incorporation similar to the one granted to the first parish in the town of Groton, Feb. 21, 1804, with few alterations and additions would be suitable for this Parish. At the same time it was voted not to raise Mr. Porter's salary to $1000, but allow him $800 and his wood.

In April, 1806, the new clock with one dial was set up in the tower of the new meeting house by Mr. Simon Willard who made it at a cost of $858.00.

Thomas Williams, Jr., presented an Elegant Folio Bible to the Parish April 25, 1806, and on the same day the Parish voted to have the bell rung at one o'clock noon and at nine o'clock in the evening.

July 4, 1808, the citizens of the Town of Roxbury in Commemoration of the Anniversary of American Independence celebrated the day by a procession which was formed at the house of Mrs. Burrell at twelve o'clock under the direction of Major Bosson, Marshall of the Day, and moved from thence to the Rev. Dr. Porter's Meeting House under the escort of Capt. Bicknell's company of Artillery. The exercises in this House began with (1) a prayer by the Rev. Dr. Porter; (2) Hymn to Freedom, Tune Old Hundred; (3) Declaration of Independence read by Mr. Abraham Fox; (4) Oration by Mr. N. Ruggles Smith; (5) Ode for the Fourth of July, 1808, Tune, Rise Columbia. This was the First Public event in this house.

In April, 1810, it was voted that the time of intermission of Divine service be lengthened the three summer months only, to three hours; that is to say, the Second bell to begin ringing one quarter of an hour before three, and in 1811 the time was lengthened to between May 1 and Sept. 1.

In April, 1812, the Parish Committee agreed with Mr. Edward Turner for him to attend funerals, &c., and with Mr. Hervey Woods to have charge of the Meeting House, to ring the bell at one o'clock every day, Sundays excepted, and at 9 every night in the year, to see that no horses are tied to any part of the Meeting House, and that no posts are set on the hill without the consent of the Committee, for which services he was to reeeive $84.00 per year. They also agreed with Mr. Abraham Crawley to wind up, oil and keep the two clocks for $7.00 per year.

Sept. 23, 1815, the meeting house was a little damaged by a hurricane.

July 10, 1816, the surplus arising from the sale of Pews with current Bank Bills remaining in the Treasury was appropriated for the use of the Parish.

In April, 1817, the Parish declined to purchase one or more stoves for the purpose of heating the meeting house.

June 6, 1817, the window over the middle door at the West end of the meeting house was broken by some malicious person or persons.

In Oct., 1817, a committee consisting of Mr. John Clap, Mr. George Ziegler and Mr. Eleb Faxon was chosen to look out a suitable piece of land for a Burying Ground, ascertain the price of the same and report at the next meeting. They made a verbal report at the next meeting in Dec. when a committee, consisting of Mr. Eleb Faxon, Ebenezer Seaver Esq., Mr. George Ziegler, Joseph Harrington Esq. and Mr. John Clap, was chosen to purchase in behalf of the Parish a suitable piece of ground. At the Annual Meeting held April 13, 1818, the committee reported that they had agreed to purchase in behalf of the Parish a tract of land of Doctor Samuel Bugbee (of Wrentham) situated nearly opposite the Mansion of the late Doctor Davis and containing about an

acre and a half for the consideration of $1000.00. It was also voted to dispose of the musical instruments belonging to the parish which were not useful. Mr. Simon Willard continued to have charge of the clocks in 1818.

The present bell purchased of Mr. J. W. Revere was cast at the Foundry in Canton, Mass., and was raised to its present position May 27, 1819. It weighed 1538 lbs. and cost $692.10 less old bell sold for $215.50 leaving a balance of $476.60 which was the cash payment. In 1820 the meeting house was warmed by two stoves costing $258.16. At a meeting of the Parish held Feb. 10, 1820, it was voted not to oppose the prayer of William Hannaford and others for an act of Incorporation as a Society of Universalists in the Town of Roxbury.

During the night of May 26, 1820, some evil minded persons entered the meeting house and tore away the cushions from the pulpit and totally destroyed the valuable Parish Bible and committed other depredations.

June 24th of the same year the Holy Bible, which is now (1908) in the Pulpit, was presented to the Parish accompanied by the following note: —

Roxbury, June 24, 1820.

Gentlemen,

The Holy Bible that accompanies this Note is presented to the first or Easterly Parish of this Town by their Humℓ Servt

Samℓ J. Gardner.

Messrs. John Clap
Nathℓ S. Prentiss } Committee of said Parish.
William Davis

to which the following acceptance was made.

Roxbury, 26th June, 1820.

Samℓ J. Gardner Esq.

Dear Sir: We, the undersigned, the Committee of the First Parish in Roxbury, for ourselves, and in behalf of said Parish, do hereby acknowledge

the Receipt of an elegant Church Bible, by you presented to the said Parish. We beg you will be assured, Dear Sir, we duly appreciate your kindness in bestowing so valuable a present. Be pleased to accept our most cordial wishes, that you may long enjoy Health, Prosperity and Happiness. And what can be more conducive to Happiness, than the pleasure derived from the consciousness of having voluntarily performed a liberal and at the same time a Good Act.

JOHN CLAP
WM DAVIS
N. S. PRENTISS } Parish Committee.

After Jan. 31, 1822, the records of sales of pews were kept in a separate book having previously been included in the general records of the parish. Mrs. Hannah Jackson and Kendall Brooks left this church and became original members of Dudley St. Baptist Church. Sunday evening March 31, 1822, there was a Concert in this Meeting House. March 21, 1825, the last meeting of the First Parish in Roxbury took place, and April 4, 1825, the first meeting of the First Religious Society in Roxbury took place in the Town House.

The Act of Incorporation is as follows:—

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED AND TWENTY-FIVE

AN ACT declaring and confirming to the Pew-holders the property in the Congregational Meeting-House, in the First Parish in Roxbury, and authorizing them to raise monies by taxing pews.

SEC. 1. *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled*, and by the authority of the same, that all persons who now are, or may hereafter become proprietors of the pews in the Congregational Meeting-House in the First Parish in Roxbury, are hereby declared to be a body politic and corporate by the name of the "FIRST RELIGIOUS SOCIETY IN ROXBURY," with all the powers, privileges and immunities usually granted to such societies: And said Corporation shall be, and hereby are deemed in law to be, seized of the same Meeting-House and the land under, adjoining and belonging to the same, and the privileges and

appurtenances thereto appertaining; reserving, however, to the several new proprietors, their rights and interest in said pews respectively.

SEC. 2. *Be it further enacted*, That said proprietors shall meet on the first Monday of April next, and afterwards on the first Monday in January, annually, at said Meeting House, or such other place as the Standing Committee shall appoint, and after choosing a Moderator, shall choose a Clerk, who shall record all the votes and proceedings of said proprietors, and be sworn to the faithful discharge of his duties; they shall also choose a Treasurer, who shall give bonds for the discharge of the duties of his office, and also a Standing Committee of three discreet persons to manage their affairs, to continue in office one year, and until others are chosen: *Provided however*, if from any cause, any of said officers are not chosen at said meeting in April next, or at any annual meeting on the first Monday in January, said officers may be elected at any other meeting duly notified for that purpose; and said committee may notify any meeting by causing printed or written notifications to be delivered to the proprietors, or left at their dwellings, three days at least before such meetings, or by leaving the same in the pews of the proprietors, should a day of public worship intervene.

SEC. 3. *Be it further enacted*, That said proprietors shall have power to repair, alter, or rebuild their Meeting-House; and shall have all the rights in relation to the same and the support of public worship therein, which said parish have hitherto had, and shall be bound by all the contracts made by said Parish.

SEC. 4. *Be it further enacted*, That said Corporation may take, hold and possess, by gift, devise, purchase or otherwise, real and personal estate, not exceeding forty thousand dollars exclusive of their Meeting-House and its appurtenances, as a ministerial fund, the interest only of which shall be expended annually in such manner as the Deacons of the church in said society, and the Standing Committee for the time being may deem fit, or the proprietors by their vote direct; and those only whose pews are taxed shall be deemed legal voters; and said corporation may make and establish by-laws for the better ordering their affairs, provided the same are not repugnant to the constitution or laws of this commonwealth.

SEC. 5. *Be it further enacted*, That all monies necessary for the support of public worship in said Meeting-House and incidental charges, which may be duly voted to be raised shall be assessed by the Standing Committee on the Proprietors of the pews on the lower floor in said Meeting-House, according to a scale of valuation agreed upon by a vote of said Parish passed on the twenty-second day of November last, which is not to be changed for the term of ten years from the first day of April next, but after that time may be altered, and gallery pews may be included if deemed expedient, having regard to the situation and value thereof; and the said committee shall make out lists of such assessments, stating the number of each pew, the name of

the owner, and the amount assessed thereon, and deliver the same to the Treasurer who shall collect such assessments, and pay the same out on orders to be drawn by the Clerk, under the direction of the Standing Committee.

SEC. 6. *Be it further enacted*, That said proprietors shall hold their pews under their respective deeds, and the same shall hereafter be considered personal estate, and whenever any transfer of any pew in said Meeting-House shall be made, the old deed shall be given up and a new deed made in the name of one person only, to be signed by the Treasurer and countersigned by the Clerk; and no conveyance shall be valid, until noted on the records of the Corporation.

SEC. 7. *Be it further enacted*, That if any proprietor shall neglect to pay his or her assessment, for the space of six months after such assessments is laid and notified by posting at the door of said House, the Treasurer shall advertise the pews of such delinquent for the space of three weeks, by posting notices at said Meeting-House and two other public places in said town, stating the time, place and cause of sale, and then if all the arrears are not paid, he shall sell the same at auction to the highest bidder, and after deducting all sums due with costs of sale and charges of conveyance, shall pay over the balance, if any, to the owner.

SEC. 8. *Be it further enacted*, That any person wishing to dispose of his or her pew, shall first give notice thereof to the Standing Committee, stating the name of the person to whom it is intended to sell, and offering the same to said Corporation at cost, and if said Corporation shall not elect to purchase and pay for such pew within thirty days from such notice, the same may be sold to one person only, provided all dues thereon be first paid.

SEC. 9. *Be it further enacted*, That this act being accepted by a major vote of said Parish, shall be binding on all parties concerned therein and the present Treasurer or Standing Committee of said Parish, may call the first meeting under this act, and shall continue in office until others are chosen.

IN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, Feb. 26, 1825.

This Bill having had three several readings, passed to be enacted.

WILLIAM C. JARVIS, Speaker.

IN SENATE, Feb. 26, 1825.

This Bill having had two several readings, passed to be enacted.

NATHANIEL SILSBEE, President.

February 26, 1825.

Approved. MARCUS MORTON.

A true copy. Attest: EDWARD D. BANGS, Sec.

At a meeting of the Proprietors of the Pews of the First Religious Society in Roxbury, held Jan. 15, 1855,

Voted, That the Standing Committee shall not be at liberty to expend for any object more money than the Pew Proprietors shall raise and appropriate for any such object; and shall not expend, for any purpose, not authorized by them, and shall not borrow any money for any purpose whatever, without a special vote, nor contract any debt in behalf of said Pew Proprietors, without a special vote of said Proprietors authorizing it."

JOSEPH W. TUCKER, Clerk.

A true copy. Attest:

JOSEPH W. TUCKER, Clerk.

The First Annual Parish Meeting (under the Society's new title) took place on Monday, Jan. 2, 1826, and thereafter the Annual Meeting occurred on the first Monday in January in each succeeding year.

At a meeting of the Society held May 10, 1830, the Vote to call Mr. George Putnam as Colleague Pastor was passed unanimously with the exception of one vote only. The person who put in the negative vote called on the Moderator after the Meeting stating that his negative was not on account of any dislike to Mr. Putnam, but on account of his having a wish to hear him preach a few more Sundays previous to his being called as a Colleague Pastor, and he further stated that he would wish to withdraw his negative, and that the choice might be considered as unanimous. The Church Members of this Society met at the House of their Rev. Pastor in the evening after the Meeting of the Society and after an appropriate Prayer voted unanimously their approbation of the doings of the Society in calling and inviting Mr. George Putnam to become their Colleague Pastor. Mr. Putnam replied to the above invitation as follows:

To the First Christian Church and Society in Roxbury

Christian Brethren I have received through your Committee your invitation to become Colleague with your present Pastor in the Christian Ministry. The harmony of all your proceedings and the apparent cordiality of your invitation have been very satisfactory and gratifying. And

now having, as I believe, weighed the subject with that serious deliberation which its importance demands, I do cheerfully and without one dissenting thought or feeling, accept your call and consent to become your minister as soon as my professional studies shall be so far advanced, that I can obtain the usual testimonials.

In so determining I have marked the intimations of Providence, I have listened for the injunctions of duty, I have consulted the desires of friends, and asked the counsel of the wise, and all these concur with every inclination of my own bosom in dictating the answer I have given you.

I am not insensible to the great and untried responsibilities which I am taking upon myself, and I trust that the cheerfulness and hope with which I come to you, are tempered with a just diffidence and humility. Cherishing a deep desire and firm resolve to devote to your service, and spend in the way of my duty, whatever strength Almighty God may graciously give, I commit all else to his wise guidance and disposal — looking for *his* blessing and *your* kind indulgence.

(Signed) GEORGE PUTNAM.

CAMBRIDGE, May 21, 1830.

June 15, 1830, it was voted that the Standing Committee have liberty to lower the Pulpit fourteen inches providing on examination they find such alteration will not operate to the injury of any Pews in the Gallery and that the expense be defrayed by subscription and not by the Society.

Wednesday, the 7th day of July, 1830, was fixed on for the day of Ordination and for the Council to meet at the Norfolk House at 9 o'clock A.M.

Some of the parishioners, feeling disposed to encourage the arrangements that were made for the Ordination of Mr. George Putnam as Colleague Pastor, agreed to take one ticket each at three dollars for the Dinner to be provided for the council and others that may join on the occasion, they were,

John Bartlett, D. A. Simmons, Nath[l] Dorr, Charles Hickling, Charles Davis, Thos. K. Jones, Caleb Fellowes, John Lowell, Thos. Simmons, Dan'l A. Sigourney, Isaac Davis, Jos. Harrington, Enoch Bartlett, William Phipps, William H. Spear, Chas. Davis Jr., Horatio Davis, George Simmons,

William Fisk, Mr. Dyer, Eph^{m} Harrington, Wm Dove, Thomas Brewer, B. F. Copeland, G. L. Brewer, Eliab Brewer, S. G. Robbins, Sherman Leland, Benj. Weld, S. C. Thwing, Watson Gore, Asa Bugbee, Benj. Balch, John Hovey, S. H. Hunneman, Jos. Callender, Wm Davis Jr., F. S. Eastman, Jon^{a} Dorr.

H. A. S. Dearborn was absent on a journey, Joseph Hall declined his ticket and Mr. Lithgow returned the ticket.

July 7, 1830. The order of services at the ordination of Mr. Putnam was as follows: Introductory Prayer by Dr. Gray of Roxbury. Selections from the Scriptures by Mr. Austin of Brighton. Hymn. Sermon by Mr. Dewey of New Bedford. Anthem. Ordaining Prayer by Mr. Osgood of Sterling. Charge by Dr. Ware of Cambridge. Right Hand of Fellowship by Mr. Newell of Cambridge. Original Hymn. Address to the Society by Mr. Parkman of Boston. Prayer by Mr. Capen of South Boston. Anthem. Benediction by Mr. Putnam.

Rev. Dr. Porter died Saturday night, Dec. 7, 1833. A Committee was appointed to make suitable arrangements for the funeral of the revered and lamented senior Pastor demonstrating the affection and respect with which the Society regarded his pure and exalted character and to offer such evidence of regret and condolence to the Family of the deceased as may justly represent the intensity of interest they felt in the melancholy event. They were Deacon William Davis, Deacon John Clap, John Lemist, B. F. Copeland, Watson Gore; the Standing Committee, Dr. John Bartlett, Charles Davis, Joseph Harrington, Ebenezer Crafts, David Dudley, Jon^{a} Dorr, Sherman Leland, Sam'l J. Gardner. They were requested to meet at the Church directly after the evening service. On the succeeding Wednesday his funeral was attended by a large concourse in his meeting

house. The exercises began with a voluntary on the organ. A hymn was then sung. Rev. Dr. Lowell, who in early life was a parishioner of the deceased, read selected passages of Scripture and offered a very appropriate prayer of 20 minutes. Rev. George Putnam, colleague of Dr. Porter, delivered a very judicious discourse of 40 minutes from Gen. xxv, 8, "Then Abraham gave up the ghost, and died in a good old age, an old man, and full of years, and was gathered to his people." So just and discriminating was he in giving the character of Dr. Porter, that they who best knew him and were best qualified to judge remarked that they should not desire the alteration, addition, or suppression of a single word. The services were concluded with a prayer by Rev. Dr. Pierce of Brookline and solemn music from the choir, when a procession was formed to the place of interment by a large number of parishioners and friends.

Two hot air stoves were placed in the meeting house in 1834. For the saving of fuel and to render the House more comfortable during the winter months, those who usually entered the Meeting House at the easterly end, namely, P. G. Robbins, Elnathan Taber, William Bacon, Stephen Child, Humphrey Bicknell, Charles Davis, John Lemist, John Bartlett, Saml H. Hunneman, Aaron Kingsbury, Aaron D. Williams, William Dove, Charles Grant, Wm Phipps, Edw. Brinley, Aaron Willard, Charles Copeland, H. Cunningham, D. A. Sigourney, Sam'l J. Gardner, Moses Whiting, Nathl Snow, William Fisk, William Patten, consented in November, 1834, to have the Doors at that end of the House kept closed from the first Sunday of December in each year to the first Sunday of March following.

Oct. 20, 1834, John Lowell, Joseph Harrington, S. C. Thwing, Thomas Brewer, Thomas Simmons and the Standing Committee were appointed a committee to ascertain

whether there was any waste room in the Galleries which could be used with profit to the Parish and to take into consideration the expediency of making a general alteration in the Gallery Pews. In 1835 a plan was agreed upon and the alteration from square pews to long and narrow ones was made, the Committee having charge of it being Thomas Brewer, Joseph Harrington, Thomas Simmons and the Standing Committee.

Putnam Street was built and the Parish lot fenced in in 1836. There was a stove put into the vestry in 1836, and during the same year Samuel J. Gardner Esq., had the Bible presented by him several years ago rebound and Rev. Mr. Putnam presented Pulpit chairs.

For the first time a fixed salary of $2000 was given Mr. Putnam in 1838. Jan. 4, 1841, it was voted that no Pew proprietor should be permitted to vote by proxy and that each pew should be entitled to one vote. At the same time a committee was chosen to warm the church by a furnace.

In January, 1842, a committee was chosen to take into consideration the recent invitation of the Church of the Messiah in New York to our Minister to settle with them, but fortunately for us Mr. Putnam declined.

In 1845 the Standing Committee was directed to adopt such measures as they might deem expedient to keep the carriages to the Westward of the circular walk at the West end of the Church.

Wednesday, July 31, 1850. There were public services in the church on the occasion of paying Funeral Honors to Zackary Taylor, late President of the United States, by the City of Roxbury, when the oration was delivered by Rev. Thomas D. Anderson.

Deacon Thwing in a letter, written June 7, 1852, and referring to the day before says: "It was Communion Sunday

and this service was the most touching and impressive I ever attended. In the first place Two Brothers who are Twins offered themselves for Baptism — this to me is always interesting — when an adult offers himself at the Altar to show his attachment and belief in his Saviour. Then one of them held up his infant child, after which all partook of the Sacrament. Before commencing the Services of the Communion, Dr. Putnam stated with a few remarks delivered with great unction the desire of Doctor Robbins expressed on his death bed to have his name enrolled on the records of the Church, to show his belief in the strength and power of the Gospel of Jesus Christ to comfort and support him during his painful illness and in his dying hours. Then eight or ten joined the Church, six being young ladies and amongst them Dr. Putnam's Daughter. I think I never attended the service when the impressions made upon all was so solemn and so great."

In January, 1855, a committee consisting of John J. Clarke, David A. Simmons, William B. Kingsbury, Cushing Stetson and Charles K. Dillaway were appointed to consider the expediency of remodelling the interior of the Meeting House and report at a future meeting. They reported the House very much out of repair and proposed to change the pews on the floor to long pews with four aisles, two by the walls and two dividing the floor into three lines of pews. Reducing the number of windows from 36 small ones to ten long ones. Two of the doors of entrance and exit were kept closed for the purpose of accommodating two stoves which occupied the door-ways: Finally two reports were submitted and after a long debate were accepted and placed on file and then the meeting dissolved without further action.

In 1857, the Society voted to remodel the Meeting House and even went so far as to consider building a stone Meeting

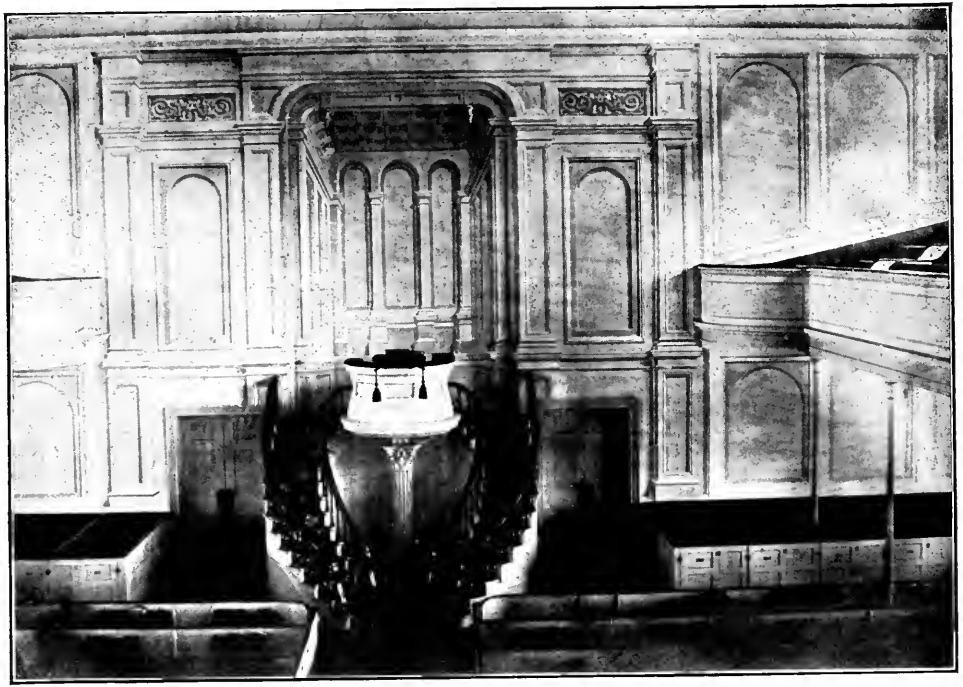
House. The services during July and August of this year were held in the City Hall. The Baptist Society and the Mount Pleasant Society offered our Society the use of their churches during repairs. The pews were upholstered, the floors carpeted and new iron posts substituted for the old wooden ones which supported the galleries.

When this Meeting House was erected in 1804 it was without the vestry and the "old red" painted pulpit was entered by stairs from the floor at the side. Back of the pulpit were three false windows covered by green blinds, one of which made the door. (This pulpit was similar to that in the Newburyport church, which has since been lowered twice and has had stairs built on both sides.) When the vestry was added in 1857 the stairs were removed and entrance was by a door from the new vestry in the rear. At the same time this pulpit gave place to a small circular one on top of a post with stairs each side, the vestry door, however, remaining.

In August, four new clock dials were placed on the steeple.

In 1857 William Patten sold his pew for $400, and gave the proceeds to the Pastor and Deacons in Trust, the income to be given to the deserving poor, except foreigners. In 1859 Mr. David A. Simmons left one thousand dollars to the Society "which sum is to be safely invested and together with the increase and income thereof is to be applied for and towards the erection of a New Meeting House upon the site of their present place of worship whenever such new structure shall become necessary and for no other purpose."

The Society contributed in 1861, $450 for the suffering in Kansas, and in 1862, $855.58 for the poor and the soldiers, and $994 for the Sanitary Commission. Aug. 31, 1862, after



INTERIOR OF THE PRESENT MEETING HOUSE, LOOKING EAST, 1857.

the Second Battle of Bull Run, the Church was dismissed to enable all to go home and work for the soldiers, as hospital supplies, &c, were much needed. In 1863 a new clock was put in the tower of the Meeting House.

The celebration of Washington's Birthday in 1864 included services in this Meeting House. The exercises began by the singing of the Battle Hymn by the Choir. Prayer was then offered by Rev. John O. Means, and the Star Spangled Banner was sung. The oration was then delivered by Rev. George Putnam, D.D. Dr. Putnam gave a brief sketch of Washington's career, "to bring him before us — to bring us into this presence — to lift us up in thought and sympathy toward the great light where he stands." The oration itself is too long to print here, but the allusion to President Lincoln must not be omitted as it was received with tremendous applause.

"The nation's banner torn and soiled in battle but with every star and stripe kept, whole and radiant in its fair expanse, shall be brought back to the capitol; and it may well be that he the illustrious civic leader who first flung it to the breeze in the nation's necessity, should be the man whose hands shall be privileged to furl it again in peace, he who sits worthily in the chair that once held Washington: he, so honest and pure in his great function, so wise and prudent, so faithful and firm: God Almighty bless and preserve Abraham Lincoln, President of the United States."

The exercises were closed by the singing of an original hymn and a benediction.

The Society contributed $933 in 1864 for our suffering fellow citizens in East Tennessee.

In 1865 the Society received a legacy from Mrs. Polly Robbins.

A service in memory of President Abraham Lincoln was held April 19, 1865, in this Meeting House by the City Government of Roxbury, the order of exercises being as follows:

I

Dirge, by the Band
"Rest, Spirit, Rest."

II

Selections from the Scriptures
By Rev. J. G. Bartholomew

III

Solo and Quartette . . . Mendelssohn
"O rest in the Lord, wait patiently for Him, and
He shall give thee thy heart's desires."

IV

Prayer
By Rev. Dr. Thompson

V

Hymn by the Choir
"Peace, Troubled Soul."

VI

Address
By Rev. Dr. George Putnam

VII

Selection
'Cast thy Burden on the Lord." Mendelssohn.

VIII

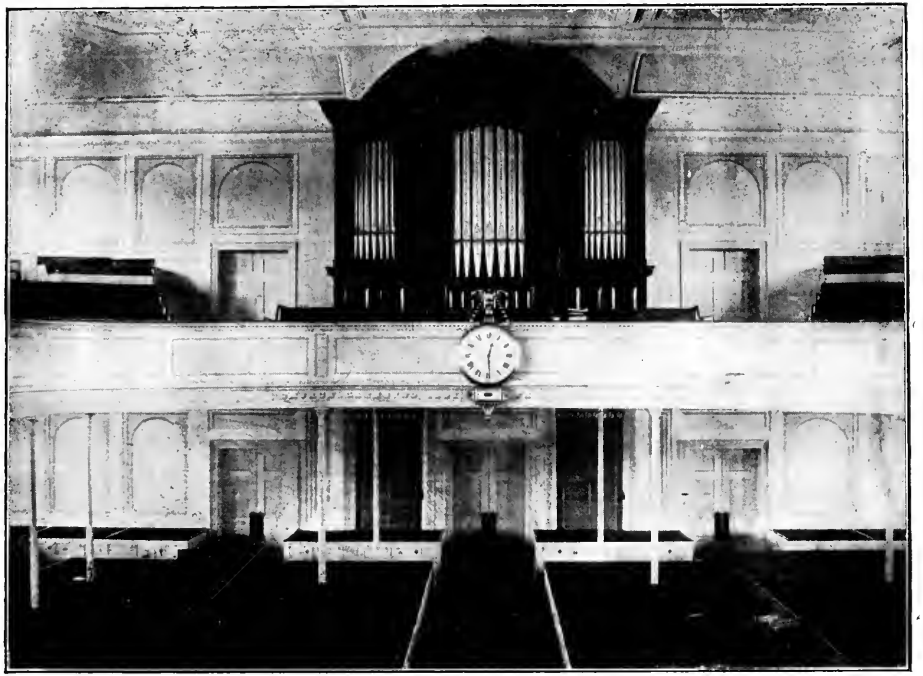
Benediction

The address has been published and was listened to in perfect silence by a throng which occupied every seat and settees placed in the aisles.

The church was heavily draped and extra props put in to prevent the galleries from giving way under the crowd which packed them.

In Oct., 1865, the meeting house was entered and about 15 yards of carpet on each of the aisles cut out and carried away.

In April, 1866, a skylight over the pulpit was constructed.



INTERIOR OF THE PRESENT MEETING HOUSE, LOOKING WEST, 1857.

Concerning this improvement, James Sharp of Watertown wrote as follows:

"I was today (Sunday, April 22, 1866) one of the few who had opportunity to notice the effect of the "New light" just introduced at the Meeting House of the First Religious Society in Roxbury. Not however without some *panes* as it appears. And the first gleam which met my eye was the cause of the following impromptu

From church we should not keep aloof,
Since by admission through the roof,
The Light of Heaven is clearly shed,
Direct upon the Reverend head.
Light from above can here be sought
To illuminate each pious thought
And lustre new around us shine
Of truth and love and grace divine."

During the same year the church spire was rebuilt and the Society contributed $3400 for the sufferers by the fire in Portland, and $730 for the Freedman's Aid Society.

In 1867 the porch of the church was enlarged, and in this year the Society contributed $638.70 for the Poor of the South and $3095 for a Free Chapel in the Easterly part of Roxbury.

April 13, 1868, for the first time, the church was decorated for the Easter services with flowers. Miss Anna Everett and Miss Sarah Gore dressed the pulpit. The decoration consisted of a cross at the back of the pulpit and a few wreaths and Ivy plants around the base.

In the spring of 1871, Rev. Dr. Putnam asked for a leave of absence until October which was granted him and the Society supplied the pulpit during his absence.

In the fall of 1871 the Society contributed $1727.50 for the sufferers by the Fire in Chicago.

In 1873 Rev. Dr. Putnam tendered his resignation as Pastor, but he was persuaded to still keep his position and was relieved of all responsibility.

In 1875 Mr. John Graham Brooks of Cambridge was invited to become Associate Pastor. He accepted and was ordained Oct. 10, 1875. The order of exercises were: — Reading of the Scriptures and Ordaining Prayer by Rev. C. C. Everett, D.D.; Ordaining Address by Rev. George Putnam, D.D., who gave the Right Hand of Fellowship. Sermon by the pastor elect, and Concluding Prayer by Rev. Wm Newell, D.D., of Cambridge, who had extended the Right Hand of Fellowship to Dr. Putnam at his ordination. Benediction by Mr. Brooks.

In 1876 the building of a chapel was considered and soon built. It was dedicated Saturday evening, Dec. 23, 1876. In the order of exercises were selections sung by children from the Sunday-school, Invocation by Rev. J. G. Brooks, Anthem by the Choir, Prayer of Dedication by Rev. E. E. Hale, Benediction by Rev. Dr. Putnam, besides some addresses and more singing. It was called Putnam Chapel. The Misses Fisher gave the beautiful window of stained glass; Mrs. Franklin Greene, the clock; Mr. John J. May, the busts of Dr. Channing, by Persies, and Dr. Putnam, by Greenough; and Mr. Edward B. Reynolds, the Bible. The cost of the chapel, built and furnished, was $10,527.82, entirely paid for in 1880 through the generosity of the pew proprietors in that year who then furnished the balance of $5,000.00.

In 1880 Rev. Mr. Brooks, our Pastor, made the following report to the Parish: —

The objects of our Society — Christian worship and work — being common to all the congregation, it has seemed to the minister that an annual statement of the condition of the parish, what has been accomplished during the year, what is doing and what should be done, would help us all to a more intelligent interest in the welfare of the society.

It is in the hope of such better and wider understanding, that this report is given. The number of families now connected with the Society is 301; the number of calling places 316. It is the purpose of the minister to call

once each year upon all. Many special needs, however, such as sickness and death, make much more calling necessary. During the last two years an average of seventy-one calls per month was made. The Society is still widely scattered. Eight families are in Brookline, fourteen in Jamaica Plain, three in West Roxbury, one in Newton, one in Brighton, nine in Dorchester, thirty in Boston. It is yet true, that the situation of so large a number of families makes such visiting impossible, as the minister would gladly make for the sake of that influence which comes from a closer personal connection with the home life of his people. Mostly owing to this condition of the Society, also, the minister often does not hear of sickness until to hear it is an embarrassment; he therefore earnestly asks that he be informed of such events as he would gladly know. The help which, in these days, the minister can render in time of trouble is but little; yet no kinder service is ever done to any minister than when such opportunity is confided to him. Nor does anything so strengthen him in his work as admission to the deeper life of those whose Sabbath worship he directs.

During the year five couples have been united in marriage, three persons were baptized, seven united with the church. The number of deaths ten. The chapel service, begun four years ago, continues during sixteen or eighteen weeks, from November into March. The object has been more especially instruction in the history of the Ethnic, the Jewish and Christian religions.

Rev. Mr. Brooks resigned in the early spring of 1882 and we had no settled Pastor until 1883, when Rev. James De Normandie was called, and he was installed March 14, 1883. The services included the Invocation by Rev. William H. Lyon of Roxbury; Reading the Scriptures by Rev. C. Y. De Normandie, Kingston; Sermon by Rev. James Freeman Clarke, D.D., Boston; Ordaining Prayer, Rev. A. P. Peabody, D.D., Cambridge; Right Hand of Fellowship by Rev. Edward H. Hall, Cambridge; Address to the People and Pastor by Rev. Edward E. Hale, Boston; Benediction by the Pastor; the whole interspersed with music.

In 1883, a new Bible was presented to the Society by the young men of the Parish.

In 1887 a committee was appointed to ascertain the rights of the First Religious Society in Roxbury to the burying ground off Kearsarge Avenue.

The present pulpit was built in 1888, and it is similar to that in the First Church in Lancaster, built by Bulfinch in 1816. At the same time the church was painted and refurnished and gas introduced.

The first mention of ushers was in 1889, when the following men served: — William Wells Bosworth, B. P. Cheney Clapp, Nathan S. Robinson, Channing Robinson, William S. Rumrill.

An attempt was made in 1891 to change the name of the corporation to "First Church in Roxbury," but it was defeated.

There is nothing so fitting in closing the account of this Historical Church as a brief description of the services on the One Hundredth Anniversary of the Dedication of this House of Worship, which occurred June 7, 1904. Some of the descendants of those who worshipped here in 1804 were present on this anniversary.

The order of service was: — Organ Voluntary; Anthem; Invocation, the congregation joining in the Responsive Service; Anthem; Prayer by The Rev. Alexander McKenzie, D.D., Minister of the First Church in Cambridge; Organ; Hymn in which the congregation joined. Address by the Rev. James De Normandie, D.D., minister of this church; Anthem; Address by the Right Reverend William Lawrence, Bishop of Massachusetts; Address by the Rev. Edward Everett Hale, D.D., of the South Congregational Church, Boston; Hymn in which the congregation joined; Benediction.

There were no formal exercises of unveiling of the memorial tablets now in position and seen for the first time, the reference to the men thus honored, which Dr. De Normandie gave in his address, sufficing for such a ceremony. The tablets were those to John Eliot, Amos Adams, Eliphalet Porter, George Putnam of the Pastors, and Thomas Dudley,



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Joseph Dudley, Paul Dudley, William Dudley, Charles K. Dillaway, and John Felt Osgood of the laymen.

One of the Daily papers refers to this event as follows: —

The observance last night of the hundredth anniversary of the dedication of the present house of worship at Eliot Square, Roxbury, the old First Church of that quarter, was one of the most interesting and inspiring events that has occurred for a long time. The history and tradition of which it is now the visible and venerable symbol, are more venerable still, for as Dr. De Normandie said: "For 273 years there has been no interruption of worship on this hilltop."

The church is practically coincident with the history of the colony and stood from the beginning, not only for the strong virtues of the Puritan pioneers, but for the added grace and nobleness of Rev. John Eliot's sympathy for the natives, which neither at that time nor to the present day has been characteristic of Anglo-Saxon colonizations. The glory of the spot is its association with the name and tireless devotion of "John Eliot, apostle to the Indians." This alone is enough to insure it a chapter in the annals of early American history, whose glory can never fade.

This feature of its early record was feelingly and beautifully dwelt upon in the noble prayer delivered by Rev. Dr. McKenzie of Cambridge, and that and the addresses which followed seemed admirably attuned to the spirit of the occasion. All denominational differences were put aside and the broader interests which the event suggested were merged in common Christian fellowship among those who were equal sharers in their reverence for their great heritage. The church was crowded and the profound silence that reigned throughout the exercises was an eloquent tribute to their interest.

REV. GEORGE PUTNAM, D.D.

Son of Andrew and Jerusha (Clap) Putnam, was born in Sterling, Mass., August 16, 1807. His early training was in the academies of Leicester and Groton. He entered Harvard College in 1822, and graduated in 1826. He was plain, simple, and unpretending, one of the youngest in the class, and though thoroughly manly, in no other respect old for his years, the soul of truth and honor, respected and liked by all his classmates, dearly loved by many. He held a high rank in his class, and undoubtedly might have had a higher place if he had striven for it.

After graduating he spent one year as a teacher in Duxbury, and then entered the Divinity School in Cambridge. What his success was there may be inferred from the fact that before completing his required course of instruction, he received an invitation to preach as a candidate for one of the oldest societies in New England and that after officiating but three Sundays he was called, by a very general vote, to become the associate pastor there of the Rev. Dr. Eliphalet Porter. His letter of acceptance is dated May 21, 1830. He was ordained July 7, 1830. Rev. Orville Dewey, D.D., preached the ordination sermon.

This church was then, as it was at the time of his death, one of the largest and most influential congregations in this neighborhood.

In its service Dr. Putnam at once attained the distinction which he ever afterward held, as a thoughtful, interesting, wise, and eloquent preacher.

A careful student, of very wide range of reading, he made everything contribute to the interest of his sermons. The subjects which he treated in the pulpit were of every variety,



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and before he had been long in the ministry of this Church, the most thoughtful men and women of this community took every opportunity to hear him preach, whether they were or were not members of the same religious communion.

The parish at the time of his ordination, and for some years after, was essentially an agricultural one, a majority of the members being substantial farmers. To this class the new minister's style of preaching, so plain, direct, and impressive, so full of illustrations of God's beneficence in nature, was just what they needed. It made them appreciate their calling in its religious as well as secular aspect, and it made them respect each other.

In 1831 Dr. Putnam married Elizabeth Anne, daughter of Rev. Dr. Henry Ware, Hollis Professor of Harvard College. Miss Caroline Porter, Mrs. Richard Ward, and Mrs. B. F. Copeland were the committee who furnished their home at the time of the marriage.

No one who knew Mrs. Putnam can forget the beneficence and beauty of her character. Where she was there was sunshine ever. She had a ready sympathy for all in trouble, and an open hand for their relief. She died March 24, 1866.

Gradually in the course of ten years the agricultural element in our society disappeared. The increased volume of land, and the estimates of the assessors, drove our farmers to more profitable fields.

The pews they left were soon filled by the commercial class, many of them from the highest mercantile houses in Boston. Some of these, who had not been accustomed to look for business talent and experience in clerical men, were surprised to find that Dr. Putnam could give them wise counsel in mercantile emergencies, when even the oldest among them were in doubt.

No one had a higher estimate of mercantile honor than

he. No one despised more heartily any deviation from it. Some of his sermons on this theme were of such singular merit that he was requested to publish them, but this, like many other such requests, he generally declined. He had a singular disinclination to publish anything he wrote. His common answer was that after he had preached a sermon at home, and three or four times elsewhere by exchanges, it reached more than would be likely to read a pamphlet.

There was another class in our Society, and not a small one, the professional men, whom he delighted by the beauty of his language and the brilliancy of his thoughts. One trait he had always shown — an intuitive sagacity to seize the master key to a subject, and so easily open all its parts.

He received the degree of S.T.D. from Bowdoin College in 1845.

In 1845 he was offered the chair of the Hollis Professorship at Cambridge, and the friends of the college urged him persistently to accept it. The possibility of his leaving our Society of course produced intense excitement. The letters he received from petitioners and remonstrants would make an interesting volume. The real question with him was, "What is my duty in settling this trying question?" Happily for our Society, and for him too, we think, he decided to remain with us. The interests of the college were always dear to him, and at a later period of his life he had abundant opportunity of showing his appreciation of them. He was from 1853 to 1877 a most efficient member of the corporation. His services in that position were greater than the public knows.

Dr. Putnam was interested largely in public affairs, outside of his professional duties. He was a member of the constitutional convention in 1853; one of the presidential electors in 1864, and with Edward Everett, Ex-Governor Lincoln,

and John G. Whittier, voted for Abraham Lincoln. In 1869 he was elected a member of the Massachusetts legislature, and served two years with great efficiency. The ability he showed in the discussion of financial questions and kindred subjects clearly indicated the practical character of his mind.

In educational affairs he manifested a deep interest. He was chairman of the school committee of Roxbury, and for many years President of the Board of Trustees of the Roxbury Latin School, President of the Trustees of the Fellowes Athenæum, Chairman of the Trustees of the Boston Young Men's Christian Union, and one of the Trustees of the Boston Public Library.

During his whole ministry the character of his preaching was eminently practical, and some of his most effective sermons were those addressed to young business men. Every day topics, those that touched nearest the lives of his people, he chose most frequently. For controversial sermons he had no taste, or belief in their usefulness, and in this he resembled his venerable predecessor, the Rev. Dr. Porter. To the good sense and Christian spirit of both may be attributed the harmony which has always subsisted among our Roxbury ministers of all denominations.

In the spring of 1871, a long vacation having been granted for health and recreation, he spent six months in Europe. The acquaintances he formed there, and the interesting places he visited, were ever after among his most pleasant memories.

On the 23rd of December, 1872, he attended a meeting of the Corporation of Harvard College. The weather was intensely cold. On his return home he was stricken by paralysis. The Society took immediate measures to relieve him from all anxiety in regard to pastoral duties and expressed in many ways their sympathy for him in his invalid state.

On the 6th of October, 1873, a letter was received from him in which he resigned his pastoral office. The Society unanimously passed a series of resolutions expressive of the strong attachment of the people, their high appreciation of his past services, and their unwillingness to accept his resignation.

In view of the impaired health of Dr. Putnam, measures were immediately taken for the election of an associate pastor. The Society united in giving a call to Rev. John Graham Brooks, which call was accepted.

During the succeeding year the senior pastor appeared often in the pulpit, but rarely took part in the services beyond the reading of a hymn. If he ventured upon a sermon his people listened with increased interest to the words which fell from his lips, for they were conscious how soon that voice, which had so charmed them by its utterances in the past, might cease forever.

The last time he was heard in his pulpit he spoke with his usual impressiveness, but it was painfully evident from the feebleness of his voice that no progress had been made in the recovery of his health. By the advice of his friends he did not preach again, though occasionally taking some part in the Sunday services.

He died at his home on Highland Street, April 11, 1878.

Rev. John Graham Brooks, a Divinity student of the class of 1875, Harvard University, was ordained Pastor of this church Oct. 10, 1875. His work in the church will be found elsewhere, in the Parish report of 1880, the Sunday School and the Young Men's Union. He resigned as Pastor in 1882 to study Sociology in Europe, and has since been distinguished as a Lecturer on Economics.

Rev. James De Normandie, D.D. our Present Pastor.

DEACONS

SAMUEL SUMNER, see Fourth Meeting House.

JOSHUA FELTON, see Fourth Meeting House.

NEHEMIAH MUNROE, see Fourth Meeting House.

WILLIAM DAVIS, son of Moses and Hannah (Pierpont) Davis, was born Nov.18, 1770, and died Feb. 4, 1850. He married (1) Polly Smith and (2) her half sister Sally Smith, both being daughters of Captain Ralph Smith, a prominent resident of Roxbury. In early life he was engaged in the West India goods business, which was not successful, and later followed his natural inclination and was made Principal of the Grammar School, now known as the Roxbury Latin School, a position he held for many years. He was afterwards a Trustee. He was ordained Deacon of this church in 1819 and held the office until his death. He was Town Clerk for many years and Parish Clerk for one year. His home was situated on Lambert Ave., on the hill, and here he cultivated a beautiful garden of flowers and various kinds of fruit trees, being extremely fond of horticulture.

EBENEZER CRAFTS, son of Daniel and Abigail (Kent) Crafts, was born Jan. 12, 1779, in Roxbury, and died there Jan. 10, 1864. He married Sarah Heath, daughter of Major John Jones and Sarah (Heath) Spooner. He cultivated the farm inherited from his grandfather, Deacon Ebenezer Craft, containing about fifty acres. He served in the state militia as Brigade Quartermaster with the rank of Major and was always known in after life as Major Ebenezer Crafts, rather than Deacon Ebenezer Crafts. He was ordained Deacon July 19, 1827, and was a friend and helper wherever help was needed. He was for many years engaged in mercantile pursuits, but in consequence of losses in the crisis of 1837 withdrew to the old farm, moving back into the house in which he was born.

JOHN CLAP, son of Noah and Ann (Clap) Clap, was born in Dorchester, Sept. 11, 1764, and died Sept. 23, 1840, in Roxbury. He married (1) Susanna Robinson; (2) Priscilla Holden; (3) Ann Hawes Pierce, who gave a communion cup to the church in 1830. He served his time as a cabinet-maker with Deacon Munro, and settled in Roxbury, carrying on his business in a shop which stood on the main street of the town. He was ordained Deacon July 19, 1827, and was a truly honest man, affable and remarkably courteous to all. His death was noticed in a funeral sermon by his Pastor, Rev. George Putnam, D.D., who called him, "the last of the Puritans," "one who embodied in himself all that was respectable and lovely in the primitive worthies of New England." "A plain, downright man, yet affable and courteous, who never did a thing for show, had none of the restless pride of life, and gave the world the spectacle of a calm, cheerful, blameless, contented old age." He ever felt a deep interest in all that concerned his church and his native town of Dorchester.

JONATHAN AVERY RICHARDS was born April 6, 1797, and died April 19, 1845. He married Nancy D. Gore in 1820. He was ordained Deacon, June 3, 1838, and resigned in 1841. He was a book-keeper in Boston.

RUFUS WYMAN, son of Zebediah and Eunice Wyman, was born July 16, 1778, and died June 22, 1842. He married Anne Morrill of Boston. He fitted for college at Westford Academy and entered Harvard in 1795 and was graduated in 1799. For one year he taught in Worcester. In 1800 he was entered as a student of medicine with Dr. Samuel Brown of Boston, but owing to the illness of his instructor he finished his course with Dr. John Jeffries. He stayed in Boston and then moved to Chelmsford thinking a country life might be of benefit to his health. In 1817 he was appointed first

Physician and Superintendent of the McLean Asylum for the Insane at Charlestown, which position he resigned in 1834, soon after which he removed to Roxbury. He was ordained Deacon of this church in 1840. Rev. Dr. George Putnam, D.D., in a sermon preached after his death, said in part, "I cannot now, I could not in his life time, gather any words concerning him, but words of commendation and respect. He was not one of those who are prized after death only. His character was of that positive sort, so obviously and constantly ruled by high principle that men noticed it while he lived, as they only note those who are really above the level of common excellence, who live not by exponents but by principle, not to appearances but to fulfil righteousness for righteousness' sake." He was appointed to various offices of trust and was a member of American Academy of Arts and Sciences and for two years was President of Massachusetts Medical Society.

Benjamin Kent, son of Samuel and Rhoda (Hill) Kent, was born May 25,1794, in Somerville, and died Aug. 7, 1859, in Roxbury. He married Eleanor Bradford. He was graduated at Harvard College in 1820 and from the Divinity School in 1824. Before his settlement he supplied the pulpit for three months at Washington, D.C., at a period when the journey there and back was performed mostly by stage. He was ordained as Colleague Pastor to Dr. Allyn in Duxbury, June 7, 1826. After a short but trying and very laborious ministry, he resigned his office of Pastor, June 7, 1833. He was chiefly instrumental in establishing a High School in that town which was first under the charge of Rev. George Putnam, who afterwards became our Pastor. R. W. Emerson in answer to an invitation to be the Phi Beta Kappa poet thus speaks of him: "May I take the liberty to ask whether Mr. Kent of Duxbury has ever been requested to write a

poem for the Society? He was much the most successful poet who appeared on the college stage for many years." After leaving Duxbury he opened a young ladies' school in Roxbury in connection with which he gave courses of lectures on scientific subjects not confined to his pupils. He was ordained Deacon of this church in 1841 which office he held until his death. He was a trustee of the Roxbury Latin School and also for many years Librarian of the Roxbury Athenæum. He was a great lover of antiquity. He ransacked garrets, collected many autographs and literary documents of the Pilgrims, and made several discoveries of interest.

Charles Knapp Dillaway, son of Samuel and Mary (Knapp) Dillaway, was born Oct. 19, 1804, in Roxbury, and died there May 2, 1889. He married Martha Ruggles Porter, daughter of Rev. Huntington Porter and niece of Rev. Eliphalet Porter, D.D. He entered Harvard College in 1822 in the sophomore year and was graduated in 1825. He received the degree of A.M. in 1829. After graduation he was for a time assistant teacher in the Hancock School. In 1827 he became sub-master of the Boston Latin School, and in 1831 he became master. Holding this position for five years, he, in 1836, resigned on account of ill health. He was through his life interested in educational matters and for many years was regarded as a standard authority in the classics. Some of his publications were, "Roman Antiquities and Ancient Mythology," "The Classical Speaker," "Latin Classics with English Notes," in 12 volumes, "Colloquies of Erasmus," with glossary, beside many minor classical works and fugitive writings. He wrote and published in 1860 "A History of the Grammar School," or "The Free Schoole of 1645 in Roxburie." He was the author, also, of the valuable chapter upon education in the Memorial History of

Boston. He was secretary of his college class, a trustee of the Roxbury Latin School for 50 years, and the Secretary of the Board of Trustees of the school for many years. He was ordained Deacon of this church in 1842, which office he held until his death; Member of the Standing Committee 1857 to 1863; Treasurer of this church from Jan. 27, 1862, until 1886; Superintendent of the Sunday School for 25 years. A member of the Board of Trustees of the Fellowes Athenæum and after the death of Dr. Putnam, its President.

Supply Clap Thwing, son of Samuel and Sarah (Homans) Thwing, was born Oct. 27, 1798, in Boston, and died June 4, 1877, in Roxbury; married (1) Elsey Fellowes Davis; (2) Anne Shapley Haven; (3) Anna Haven. His name descended to him from his ancestor Roger Clap of Dorchester, who, during a famine in the town, had a son born on the day supplies were received from England, and showed his gratitude by naming this son Supply Clap. He (Supply Clap Thwing) was educated at Phillips Exeter Academy, and early placed in the counting room of James and Thomas H. Perkins, where he received the necessary instruction to qualify him for his future career. He began business on his own account in 1826, and for fifty years was actively engaged in mercantile pursuits, doing an extensive business with New Orleans and the East Indies. He was also a part owner of vessels and later in life was engaged in the coal trade. He removed to Roxbury about 1824 and here he passed the remainder of his life, and it was among his neighbors and fellow citizens that his truly honorable character was seen to the best advantage. In 1831 he joined this church and ever after took the deepest interest in its affairs and was foremost in anything pertaining to it. He had more intimate relations with Dr. Putnam than anyone else in the parish and was frequently consulted by him in important matters. He was a member

of the Standing Committee in 1831 and 1832 and ordained Deacon June 29, 1851, which office he held until his death. He was Treasurer of the Communion Table from March 24, 1858, until his death. Trustee of the Grammar School in the Easterly Part of the Town of Roxbury, now known as the Roxbury Latin School, being elected in place of Deacon Kent, in 1859, and on Oct. 29, 1862, elected its Treasurer, which office he held until his death. A trustee of the Roxbury Athenæum, A Vice President and a Trustee of the Institution for Savings in Roxbury and Vicinity. He was one of the original trustees of the Fellowes Athenæum and his connection with it may best be told in the words of Mr. William C. Collar at the Dedication Services, July 9, 1873.

"Mr. Fellowes not unnaturally thought of the city where he had found a happy home for almost twenty years; and being in his later life a great reader, he designed to found there an institution which should be to many the means of that enjoyment and culture which he had himself derived from the best literature. But fortunately, before he was fully resolved, he asked the advice of a friend with whom he had lived in Roxbury in the most intimate relations. That friend survives him in a vigorous old age, and he is present with us to-day. You all know him well,— the faithful steward of his friend's legacy to you, your friend and neighbor, and mine, the friend of everybody, — Supply Clap Thwing. He said to Mr. Fellowes — I give his own words — 'My friend, your mother was born in Roxbury, and there, you say yourself, you passed some of the happiest years of your life. We want an Athenæum, and you could not leave your property, outside of your own family, to a better object.' Few words but fit and effective. For the following year, on reading the will of his friend, Mr. Thwing had the satisfaction of finding that his appeal was successful. But I have omitted one

circumstance without which my account would be incomplete and yet I know not if I have a right to disclose what was told me, perhaps in confidence, months ago, and what I dared not ask permission to make known, when I saw that the public interests demanded that the whole truth should be told. I say 'the public interest,' for it does concern the public to know of every noble and unselfish act which makes nobleness and unselfishness easier for all. And it is due to Mr. Thwing, though I may offend him by this disclosure, that you should know that the planting of this institution among you is due not less to his disinterestedness than to his timely and prudent counsel. You will already have surmised something of what I had to tell you, namely, that a large part of the sum which, together with the accumulated interest, has been devoted to the establishment of this library, was by Mr. Fellowes's first will bequeathed to Mr. Thwing; and that it was at his urgent request, when this became known to him, that his friend cancelled the legacy and increased by so much his bequest to you. Thus happily what the splendid generosity of the one conceived and begun, the rare unselfishness of the other completed and crowned; and hence, while we shall always hold him in grateful remembrance to whom we owe this noble benefaction, we shall honor in our hearts the not less noble self-sacrifice of him who refused wealth proffered in the name of friendship that he might bestow enduring riches on us, and on those who shall come after us; or, still better, that he might put it in the power of each and all of us to enrich ourselves."

John Hunt, son of Elisha and Lucy (Calef) Hunt, was born June 26, 1799, in Boston, and died May 16, 1873, in Medford. He married (1) Nabby Williams Esty; (2) Elizabeth Gardner Whitin; (3) Sarah Jane Symmes. He was a morocco dresser, having served an apprenticeship with Mr.

Isaac Mead of Charlestown, Mass., afterwards having a factory of his own there. About 1840 he removed to Roxbury and had a factory which stood beside the old Eustis Street Burying Ground, with a sale store in Boston. He was an Alderman of Roxbury in 1852. Also a member of the Mass. Charitable Mechanics Association. It was his custom to have his family sit around him on Sunday evenings at home and to read from the Bible and sing some of the old hymns. He was very fond of singing. He was brought up in the Old South Church, his father being a Deacon there. In his younger days, when other boys were walking the streets, he spent his time in his room improving his mind reading. In that way he made up his mind, no doubt, to take up the Unitarian belief. He was a member of the Sagamore Club which began meeting at each others houses in 1850 for simple enjoyment and a clam chowder supper. Among its members were Rev. George Putnam, D.D., Samuel Walker, Benj. Kent, John J. Clarke, Edwin Lemist, Manlius Clark, Thomas Adams, F. D. Huntington, Daniel Leach. He was ordained Deacon of this Church June 29, 1851, and resigned May 11, 1856, on account of his removal to Southboro where he became interested in farming. He attended church in Framingham where he also was a Deacon. About 1866 he moved to Medford.

Adams Ayer, son of John and Susannah (Emerson) Ayer, was born June 18, 1823, in Haverhill, and died March 22, 1882. Married Martha Augusta Hinkley. He attended the district school and taught for a time in the district schools. He was graduated from Harvard in 1848 and from the Divinity School in 1851. He held pastorates in Chelsea, Mass., Newport, R. I., and in Charlestown, N. H. He resigned this last pastorate to come to Boston to assist Mr. Holmes Hinkley, his father-in-law, who was then presi-

dent of the Hinkley Locomotive Works. After the death of Mr. Hinkley he was chosen to fill his place. He made his home in Roxbury and was ordained Deacon of this church July 1, 1877. He was a member of the Standing Committee in 1872 and 1878. He was a member of the Christian Register Association and established a scholarship at Harvard. Member of the Common Council of Boston in 1870 and 1871. He was a man of kind heart and generous hand.

Joseph Warren Tucker, son of Elijah and Rebecca (Weatherly) Tucker, was born Dec. 1, 1800, in Dorchester, and died April 21, 1885, in Roxbury. Married Mary Porter. Until the age of 21 he worked upon his father's farm in Roxbury, having no advantages for education, except such as were afforded by the district schools of that period, which were of an inferior grade. However, by special studies after he had come of age, he prepared himself for school teaching, and for some years taught district schools in the winter. Then he began to serve as clerk in stores until 1827 when he went into the grocery business for himself. In 1827 he was chosen chorister in charge of the choir of this church and even advanced money for its support. From 1837 to 1843 he represented the town of Roxbury in the Legislature. He was also upon the board of assessors, overseers of the poor, and surveyors of highways. In 1840 he was elected a selectman, serving until Roxbury was made a city, in 1846, when he was elected city clerk, and held the office during the whole period that Roxbury remained a separate city. He was elected clerk of this Parish Jan. 7, 1850, and served until his death. He was a member of the music committee in 1836 and from 1849 to 1865. He was ordained Deacon of this Society Jan. 1, 1882, and held this office until his death. He was a justice of the peace, notary public, and held many other offices of trust.

JEREMIAH PLIMPTON, son of Ziba and Olive (Smith) Plimpton, was born May 10, 1810, in Sharon, and died Nov. 28, 1892. Married Sarah Davenport Bradlee. He was for twenty-five years a school-teacher, and master of the Dudley School for girls in Roxbury from 1839 to 1855, when, finding his health somewhat impaired, he withdrew from the business of teaching. From 1862 to 1868 he held the office of U. S. Assistant Assessor for 3d Collection District of Mass. He was ordained Deacon of this Society, June 7, 1885.

JOHN JOSEPH MAY, son of Samuel and Mary (Goddard) May, was born in Boston, Oct. 15, 1813, died there May 25, 1903. Married Caroline S. Danforth of Norton, Mass. He was a graduate of the Boston High and Latin Schools. Mr. May's eldest brother, Samuel, having been educated for the ministry, his father decided that he should be educated for commercial life. After serving his apprenticeship, he became a partner in his father's firm, Samuel May and Company, importers of hardware and metals, established in 1797. He made his first trip to Europe in 1835 and several subsequent trips, the last being in 1896. He also made several trips to San Francisco, where his firm had a branch establishment. He moved to Dorchester in 1845, where he bought a large estate which he called "Mayfield," after the village in Sussex, England. He was one of the earliest members, and in some instances, a charter member, of the Museum of Fine Arts, The Boston Athenæum, the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, the Bostonian Society, etc. He was one of the wealthiest and most prominent landed proprietors in Dorchester. Though he was offered many offices of trust, having often been urged to become a member of Congress, he declined all such positions with the single exception of a membership of the school board, which at that time needed an active and intelligent worker. He contributed largely to the town's improvements and

institutions, giving money with great liberality for the benefit of the community. Although a merchant, he was by nature and preference a student, especially of the domestic history of New England, which was one of his great pleasures during his maturer years. He was a very large buyer of books and accumulated a library which became celebrated for its size and extent. While a resident of Boston he was a member of John Pierpont's Society. On moving to Dorchester he joined this church, of which he was a member for nearly sixty years, and ordained Deacon June 7, 1885. By virtue of this office he became a Trustee of the Roxbury Latin School, member of the music committee of this Society from 1849 to 1864. He left a record of fidelity to the interests of the city of his birth, of the town of his adoption.

Henry Dan Wilmarth, son of Daniel and Sarah (Luke) Wilmarth, was born Oct. 4, 1826, in Taunton, died May 4, 1896, in Roxbury. Married Matilda Reynolds. When only fourteen years of age his father died and he was obliged to leave home to seek his fortune. He came to Boston and entered the employ of Kendal Whitwell & Co., importers of woolens, remaining with them through successive changes of partnership, finally becoming a partner under the style of Talbot, Wilmarth & Co. He was ordained Deacon June 7, 1885.

COMMUNION TABLE

The first mention, in the Deacon's Book, of anything relating to the table was "At a Curch Meting Held at the Revern'd Mr. Porter's Lodgings, April, 1789, Voted the Deacons Sell Some of the Church plate two vessels that was Worn out and purches With the Same a New tankard, the old plate asayed that was sold twenty Nine ounces & Some peny wait & sold for 9. 6. 4."

1789

May 27, the tankard Bought ^{wt} twenty three owences & thirnteen peeny ^{wt} at Seven Shillings pr ownce .	8.	5. 6	
May 1789. Cash Expended to purchase This Book for the church		10.	
Cash for a Small kegg for the use of Carying the wine on Communion Days		1. 8	8. 17. 2
Ballence Carr'd over			9. 2

(The following is in the handwriting of Deacon Supply Clap Thwing.)

"part of This old plate sold was that from which the Apostle Eliot had administered the Communion."

"how short sighted !!!"

A Memorandum of the Plates, the Property of the First Church of Christ in Roxbury, Taken on the 26 Day of Dec. 1803 is as follows:

One Tankard The Gift of Mr. John Holbrook to the first Church of Christ in Roxbury 1735 makers name W Correl on the side and Led.

One Tankard the Gift of Mrs. Susanna Lamb to the old Church in Roxbury 1743, Mar^{kt} on side SV

One Tankard The Gift of Mrs. Dor. Williams to the first Church of Christ in Roxbury 1734 Mark on the side I Hurd.

One Tankard For the Use of the Communion in the First

Church in Roxbury given by the Widow & Children of the Govr Dudley 1722 June, Ma^{kr} IC

One Tankard the gift of Mrs. Sarah Mayo to the first Church of Christ in Roxbury, 1740 makers name ID

Supposed belonged to the church 1650	One Tankard Mar^{kt} on the Bottom $\frac{T}{MH}$ maker IC.
	One Tankard Mar^{kt} $\frac{EECR}{IA}$ on the Bottom, IH on the lid.
	One Cup Mar^{kt} MT side HP Bottom.
	One Cup Mar^{kt} WG side Maker FD side.
	One Cup mar^{kt} $\frac{W}{ST}$, Maker WC.
	One Table Spoon no Mark.

In 1830 the following vote was passed:

Whereas on account of the Church Plate belonging to the *First Church in Roxbury*, being very Ancient, much worn, and the form of the vessels not convenient (being chiefly Tankards), it was thought advisable to have it manufactured into Cups with covers, providing the expense of the same would not be an objection, and our Revd Pastor, Dr. Eliphalet Porter, was authorised by the Church to effect the same, if he, after ascertaining the expense, should think it advisable. On enquiry it was found the old plate would furnish a sufficient number of Cups with Covers, for the Communion Table, and have an overplus of old silver sufficient to pay all the expenses of the alteration. Mr. Jones of Boston was employed by our Revd. Pastor to Manufacture the new Vessels and as Five of the Old Tankards were Gifts from Ancient Members of the First Church in Roxbury, to said Church, Mr. Jones was directed to engrave the names of said donors on the Cups made from said Five Tankards, and the year in which they were given. Also To engrave on them the year in which they were Renewed.

William Davis (Deacon).

Inventory of Church plate, renewed: —

Two cups with covers, presented by The Widow & Children of the late Governor Dudley	1722
Renewed	1830
Two Cups with covers presented by Mrs. Dorothy Williams	1734
Renewed	1830
Two Cups with covers presented by Mr. John Holbrook	1735
Renewed	1830
One Cup with cover presented by Mrs. Sarah Mayo	1740
Renewed	1830
One Cup with cover presented by Mrs. Susanna Lamb	1743
Renewed	1830
One Cup with cover presented by Mrs. Ann Clap, wife of Deacon John Clap	1830
One Table Spoon Renewed	1830

One Plated Flaggon, purchased with overplus old silver, which remained after paying Mr. Jones Bill for making the above named cups and spoon.

The above first made use of September 5th, 1830.

In addition to the above there was a Christening Bason (Silver), presented by the late Mrs. Martha Porter, wife of the late Rev. Dr. Eliphalet Porter.

The following articles were presented by Deacon John Clap in 1630: — A new Mahogany Communion Table; Four Plates for Bread (Plated ware), Two handsome covered Baskets for Church Plate.

William Davis, Senior Deacon.

JANUARY 24, 1833.

Cost of Communion table from May, 1789, to Jan., 1791, £19 13*s.* 4*d.* and in 1791, £11. From 1789 to 1838 the yearly amount spent for wine and bread for the Communion table was from $20 to $50, the balance of the contributions being placed yearly in the Pastor's hands for the benefit of the poor of the Church. The Treasurers of the Communion table were: —

Deacon Nehemiah Munroe, from 1789 to Oct. 2, 1817, except for a short time in 1816, when Deacon Joshua Felton officiated in that capacity.

Deacon William Davis, from Oct. 2, 1817, to 1850.

Deacon Supply C. Thwing from March 24, 1858, to June 4, 1877.

Deacon Edward B. Reynolds from Aug. 5, 1877.

THE COMMUNION TABLE MEMBERS

1804

July 22. John Champney.
Aug. 5. —
Mary Davis.
Sally Wilson, widow.
Aug. 26. Stephen Child.
Sept. 2. —
Elijah Lewis.
Jesse Joy.
Sept. 16. Elisha Whitney, Jr.
Oct. 14. —
Jona. Hill.
Samuel Newell, a student in H.C.
Nov. 25. Stephen Brigham.

1805

Feb. 17. Jona. Williams.
March 3. John Curtis.
March 17. Wm Tileston.
April 14. Nathaniel Shepard Prentiss and Abigail, his wife (fr. Ye church in Marlborough).
May 12. —
Andrew Newman.
Jane Barns, wife of William.
May 19. Roswell Pomroy.
Aug. 11. Luther Richardson.
Sept. 1. Sam'l Henshaw Horton.

1806

Jan. 5. James Cawte.
Feb. 23. Simeon Keyes.
March 16. John Davis.
May 11. Samuel Jackson Prescott, A.M.
May 25. —
Wm Pratt and Mary, his wife.
Edw. Jewett Robbins.

June 15. Jonas Randall and Mary, his wife.
Aug. 10. Sam'l Langley.
Aug. 31. Priscilla Clap, wife of John.
Oct. 5. Abijah Merriam.
Oct. 19. Martha Sumner (at her father's being sick).
Nov. 2. —
Edward Sumner.
Henry Payson Sumner and Maria, children of Edward.
Dec. 7. Fanny Lewis, wife of Elijah.

1807

Jan. 18. —
Warren Marsh.
Hannah Lewis, wife of James.
Mary Smith, widow.
Feb. 8. Calvin Ware.
March 15. —
Theodore Kingsbury.
Joseph Thurston.
John Houghton and Nancy, his wife.
May 31. Stephen Loud.
June 21. —
Chenery Clark.
Nath[l] Ellis.
Isaac Goddard.
Aug. 2. —
Elizabeth Ward, wife of John.
Thomas Dudley.
W[m] Wyman Jr.
Aug. 23. —
Thomas Curtis.
Amos Adams Mears.
Sept. 27. Lois Williams, widow.
Oct. 25. —
James Lewis.
Samuel Swift.
Nov. 8. —
John Holbrook Hawse.
Nov. 8. —
Sam'l Silsby.
Nov. 15. Aaron Gay.
Nov. 22. Asa Whitney.
Dec. 20. W[m] Caswell.
Dec. 27. Samuel Seaverns.

1808

Jan. 3. Samuel Guild.
Jan. 17. Seth Tucker.
Feb. 28. James Blake.
March 6. Ann Dorr.
April 10. —
Jonathan Freeman Cook.
Henry Pomroy.
John S. Williams and Nancy, his wife.
June 26. Eben Craft.
July 3. Susan Sloan.
Sept. 18. Hervey Wood.
Sept. 25. —
Caleb Dickerman & Sally, his wife.
Isaac Silsby.
Nov. 13. William White.

1809

April 9. —
Eben Swift Pierce.
Simeon Stearns.
July 30. —
Barbara Fullerton.
Mary Baker Pratt.
Lois Eaton Knight.
Elizabeth Whitney, wife of Daniel.
Aug. 27. Polly Williams.
Oct. 22. —
Elizabeth Champney, widow.
Mehitabel Curtis.

1810

Feb. 11. Eliphalet Everett.
Feb. 18. Susanna Smith, wife of Jeremiah P.

April 8. —
George Ware.
Mary Ware.
April 29. —
Rufus Converse.
Antipas Newton.
June 3. Mary Bradley.
July 1. —
Isaac Curtis.
Charlotte Seaverns.
Nov. 11. —
William Seaver.
Martha Seaver, w. of William.
Dec. 9. William Langley.

1811

Feb. 3. Samuel Dudley.
March 10. —
Thomas Cheney and Sarah, his wife.
Edward Severy and his wife.
April 7. John Stephens.
Nov. 24. Daniel Hammond and Sally, his wife.

1812

Jan. 12. —
William Cheney.
Abigail Seaver, widow.
April 5. Abigail Harris.
May 3. Amasa Smith & Martha Ruggles, his wife.
May 31. —
Abigail Sumner.
Deborah W. Sumner.
Nancy Sumner.

1813

Feb. 21. James Adams.
March 7. —
Elizabeth Weld, w. of Samuel.
Lucy Williams.
John Ward, Jr.
April 4. Joseph Harrington and Rebecca, his wife.
June 13. David Burtt and Sally, his wife.
July 25. John Mecuen and wife.
Aug. 22. —
Mary Shattuck.
Martha Shuttuck.
Aug. 29. Timothy Dexter Brown.
Nov. 14. Betsy Shepard, w. of Charles of N. H.

1814

Feb. 27. James Blackman.
April 3. Elizabeth Bent.
June 26. Abigail S. Whiting, w. of Joel.
July 24. Jabez Nason and Elizab Ann, his wife.
Sept. 18. Lewis Morse and Mary, his wife.
Sept. 25. John Erskine.

1815

Jan. 8. Sally Hammond, w. of Daniel.
Feb. 5. —
Mary Adams, w. of James.
Abigail Bartlett, w. of Dr. B.
Aaron Davis and Theoda, his wife.
Martha Williams.
March 5. —
Caroline Porter.
Huldah Stoddard, widow.
April 30. Hannah Pond, w. of John.
May 21. Louisa Burton, w. of John.
May 28. Sarah Sanderson, w. of Daniel.
June 25. Brooks Kendall and Eunice, his wife.

July 30. Abner Willett.
Aug. 20. Debby Seaver, widow.
Oct. 15. —
Sally Burditt.
Harriot Burditt.
Nov. 5. John Green.

1816

Jan. 7. —
William Davis and Sarah, his wife.
Aaron Davis Williams and Nancy, his wife.
April 7. Calvin Baker.
April 14. Calvin Warren.
May 26. Susanna Robinson Clap, d. of Deacon John Clap.
Nov. 10. Samuel Sprague Williams and Lucy, his wife.
Dec. 1. —
Isaac Rand.
Nehemiah Davis Williams.

1817

Feb. 2. Mary Ward, w. of John Jr.
June 8. Matthew Walker and his wife.
June 22. Ebenezer Crafts and wife.
June 28. Joel Wheeler and his wife.
Sept. 14. John Lemist.
Nov. 9. —
Elizabeth Champney, widow.
Asa Whitney and Mary, his wife.

1818

April 19. Thomas W. Scott.
April 26. Sarah Wyman, wife.
June 7. Polly Smith Heath, wife.
June 21. —
Amy Baker, w. of David.
Sally Patten, w. of William.
July 5. Asa Wyman and wife.
Aug. 16. Dorothy Davis, widow.
Sept. 13. Ann Calder.

1819

Aug. 15. —
Harriet Blanchard, w. of William.
Susan Dorr, w. of Nathaniel.
Oct. 10. Mary Newell.

1820

May 21. Lydia Williams.

1821

July 15. —
Richard Austin.
William Fiske and wife.

1822

Feb. 3. Isaac Davis.
March 24. —
Sarah Ann Clap.
Lucy Clap.
Oct. 6. —
Asa Bugbee.
Eleanor Kent.
Dec. 1. Elizabeth Patrick.
Dec. 15. —
Joshua B. Fowle and Eliz., his wife.
Lemuel Bradlee.
Dec. 29. Ezra Morse and Rebecca, his wife.

1823

June 15. Mary Phelps.

1824

March 14. Isaac Wyman and Cath., his w.
April 18. Abigail Smith, widow.
May 16. —
Susannah and Sarah Davis.

May 16. —
Charles Fox and Mary Louisa, his wife.
Martha R. Porter.
Elizabeth Weld, w. of Benjamin.

1825

June 26. Timothy Gay and Mary W., his wife.
July 17. Daniel A. Sigourney.
Aug. 7. Ann L. Fearing, wife.
Oct. 30. Lydia Wait.

1826

Aug. 6. —
Mary Sumner Patten.
Sally Patten.
Nov. 26. Samuel H. Hunneman and Eliz., his wife.

1827

Jan. 7. Samuel Payson and Lydia, his wife.
Sept. 2. Sylvia Patch.

1829

April 5. Edward W. Bradley and Sarah, his wife.

1830

July 4. —
George Putnam (fr. University Church, Cambridge).
Jemima Bicknell, w. of Humphrey
Hannah Robertson, widow.
Harriet Robertson, widow.

1831

March 6. —
Jonathan A. Richards.
Mrs. Richards.
Anna Blaney, widow.
March 6. —
Susannah Maccarty.
April 3. Mary Pratt, widow.
May 1. —
Julia Hill, widow.
Charles Hickling.
Eliza Hickling.
Harriet Edes.
June 5. —
Mrs. Dearborn, w. of Gen. H. A. S. Dearborn.
Supply Clap Thwing transferred from First Church, Boston with Elsey, his wife.
Mrs. Sarah Thwing, widow, transferred from First Church, Boston.
July 3. —
Salome Davis, w. of Isaac.
William Whiting.
Nancy F. Whiting.
Elizabeth A. Putnam.
Date unknown.
Joseph R. Newell.
Date unknown.
Ann Lewis.

1832

Date unknown. —
Mary Baker.
Stedman Williams.

1833

Dec. Martha R. Simmons, w. of David A.
Date unknown. —
Nancy D. Simmons (Mrs. Fisher) bap.
Betsey Saunderson.

1834

Feb. —
Hannah D. Williams.

Feb. —
Mary W. Williams.
March. —
Charlotte E. Whiting.
Roxanna C. Whiting.
Benjamin Kent transferred from church in Duxbury.
April. Elizabeth Holmes, bap.
June. Polly H. Patten.
July. John Parker.
Sept. —
Margaret D. Heath.
Sarah H. Shaw.
Dec. —
Abijah Merriam.
Mrs. A. Merriam.
Hannah Merriam.
Sarah H. Simmons.

1835

June. Sophia T. Townsend, bap.

1836

July.—
Gardner L. Chandler, Lucretia C. Chandler, Mary Ann Chandler } from Trinity Church, Boston.
Elizabeth F. Chandler.
Sept. —
Joseph H. Gardner.
Charles K. Dillaway.
Mary Emma Dillaway.

1837

Jan. Susanna Smith.
July. Joseph Harrington Jr.
Aug. —
Rebecca C. Clarke.
Frances C. Lemist.
Sept. —
Elizabeth Weld.
Caroline Weld.
Sept. —
Susan Weld.
Helen Louisa Perkins.
Rufus Wyman, transferred from Church at East Cambridge.
Oct. Margaret Fenno.

1838

Jan. Isaac H. Carey.
Phebe P. Carey.
Sophia J. Snow.
Ann M. Hill.
Sept. —
Henry White Pickering.
Frances D. Pickering.
Oct. Mrs. Julia F. Copeland.
Nov. Mrs. Elizabeth Francis, w. of Eben T.
Dec. Julia Leland.

1839

May. —
Henry Lehman.
Sarah Filmore.
Anna, w. of W. I. Loring.
Sept. —
Nabby L. Durant, widow.
Rebekah Harrington, w. of Jos. H.
Nov. —
Sarah, w. of Jos. D. Gould.
Grace C. Fiske.

1841

Feb. —
Henry F. Harrington.
Elizabeth D. Harrington.
Elizabeth Codman.
March. —
Mary Fairbanks.
Wm. Henry Fairbanks.
Richard Ward, Lucy Ward } from West Church, Boston.
May. Margaret Bacon.

June. —
Deborah Newman.
Mary Newman.
Margaret Newman.
Anna B. Newman.
Susan D. Newman.
Elizabeth O. Baldwin.
Caroline Prentiss.

1842

March —
Sarah Bartlett.
Susan B. Hunt.

May —
Catherine G. Gore.
Jane J. Willard.

June —
Harriet Davis.
Sarah Davis Bradley.

July. Thomas Simmons.

Aug. —
Ann D. Bartlett.
Jane Bartlett.
Elizabeth R. Perkins
Allen Putnam.

Sept. —
James Sturgis.
Charles Blanchard.
Ann I. Blanchard.
Charles Briggs.
Elizabeth Briggs.

Oct. —
John Hunt.
Elizabeth Hunt.
Frances G. Train.
Eliza E. Hickling.
Ephraim Harrington.
Maria Harrington.
Daniel Sigourney.
Nathaniel P. Lovering.
Mary L. Lovering.

Oct. —
Watson Gore Jr.
Jeremiah Plympton.
Sarah D. Plympton.
John J. Clarke.
Nahum Ward.
Susan Ward.
Ozias Field.
Jonathan P. Robinson.
Catherine L. Robinson.
Walter Farnsworth.
Elizabeth Farnsworth.
Moses Gragg, Rebekah Gragg } from Milton.
Augustus Perrin, Harriet Perrin } from West Church, Boston.
Jonathan Chapman.
Lucinda Chapman.

1843

Feb. —
Ann Wyman.
Stephen Child.
Rebecca Child.
Geo. H. Crossman.
Hannah Crossman.

March. —
N. Proctor Smith.
Dorcas C. Smith.
Hannah Bardakin.
John S. Williams.
Ellen M. Williams.

April. —
Ann Matilda Brinley.
Ar Rea, M. Rea } from Salem North Church.
J. Amory Davis, Emily P. Davis } from Charleston, S. C. (Dr. Gilman's).
Geo. Norwood.
——— Norwood.
John Rogers.

April. —
Sarah Ellen Rogers.
Hezekiah Blanchard
——— Blanchard
Rebekah A. Lowell, Anna C. Lowell } from King's Chapel, Boston.
Mary Howe, w. of Abraham.
F. Howe from Suffolk St. Church, Boston.
May. Thomas P. Codman.
Sept. —
Charlotte Dorr, Charlotte P. Dorr, Helen A. Dorr } from Hollis St. Church, Boston.
Oct. Mary E. Davis.
Nov. —
Hester Billings.
Benj. E. Cotting.
Catherine G. Cotting.

1844

Jan. —
George W. Dodd.
Catherine H. Dodd.
Benjamin A. Gould.
Lucretia Gould.
Feb. Sarah Kent.
April. —
Frances Hunneman.
Mary Elizabeth Dana.
May. Lucy Rand.
July. Nehemiah Davis Williams.

1845

March. —
Geo. B. Hyde.
Nath[l]. Mayhew, Nancy Mayhew } baptized.
April. Rebecca Tucker.
June. Mary H. French.
July. Catherine Downer, w. of Wm. Hancock.
Aug. Charles F. Bradford.
Oct. —
Clarence C. Cook.
Sam Phipps, Mary A. K. Phipps } from Church in Dorchester.
Dec. —
Edward C. Bates.
Mary C. Bates.

1846

Jan. Catherine L. Bowles.
April. —
Emily P., w. of Nath[l]. Dorr.
Sarah W. Taber.
June. —
Samuel Perkins.
Eliza D. Sumner, from Church in Keene, N. H.
Oct. Mary D., w. of Henry Winsor.

1847

May. —
Sarah Jane, w. of John Hunt.
Elizabeth G. Briggs.
Aug. Anne H., w. of Supply Clap Thwing.
Oct. —
Sarah Robbins.
Mary C. Hunneman
Catherine Skilling[s], Nabby Balch } from First Church, Boston.
Nov. —
John A. Wiesse.
Jane L. Wiesse.
Samuel Dexter, Eliza Dexter } from Church in Gloucester.

1848

Jan. —
David C. Perrin.

Jan. —
Nath[l]. Francis Jr.
April. Emeline Perkins.
May. Eloisa Kent.
Sept. Martha S. Harrington.
Oct.
Henry Robinson } col[r].
Cecilia Robinson }
Ann D. Cooper.

1849

Feb. Ellen Derby Rogers.
Oct. —
William Bacon Jr.
Sophia B. Guild.

1850

June. —
Philip Dumaresq.
Margaretta Dumaresq.
Elizabeth H. Weld.
July. David Allen Simmons.
Oct. Mary Elizabeth Blanchard.

1851

March. —
Nathaniel Snow.
Salome H. Snow.
June. Eve Smith.
Oct. —
Miranda Bacon.
Ann H. Blaney.
Catherine P. Townsend.

1852

May. —
Lydia Champney.
Susannah R. Spear.
James H. Champney.
Peter G. Robbins.
June. —
Isabel Kent.
June. —
Mary Lemist Clarke.
Harriet Williams Fearing.
Charlotte Augusta Blanchard.
Augusta Woodbury Blanchard.
Elizabeth Wyman.
Margaret Curry Wyman.
Caroline Putnam.
Betsey Seaver.
Adeline Seaver.
Elizabeth Bacon.
William Bacon.
Augustus Bacon.
Dec. —
Mary Prentiss.
Mary E. Baker.
Sarah D. Gore.
Hannah M. Dudley.
Mary Helen Bartlett.
Amelia T. Sweet.

1853

Jan. —
Charlotte P. Reynolds.
Edward B. Reynolds.
Thomas M. Prentiss.
Nancy W. Houghton.
Feb. —
Thomas Wiley.
Margaret Wiley.
Abby Payson.
May. —
Benjamin Williams.
Polly R. Eastman.
Harriet D. Johnson.
Abby H. Putnam.
Sarah P. Blake.
Belinda P. Simmons.
Louisa Simmons.
Nov. —
Charlotte Fellowes.
Susan R. Weld.
Catharine W. Gore.

1854

May. — Augustus D. Berry.
Mary A. Berry.
Edward Wyman.
Sept. Mary W. Hollingsworth.
Oct. —
Aaron D. Williams Jr.
Susan F. Williams.
Emily D. Bacon.
William Ellery Copeland.
Nov. —
George Foster Williams.
Susan L. Williams.
Sarah A. W. Merry.

1855

Jan. Jeannette P. Watson.
March. Mary P. Howe.
May. —
Emma Rodman.
Emily I. Brown.
June. Mary Louisa King.
Nov. Ann Elizabeth Smith.

1856

Feb. Frances Ann Lemist.
Mar. Mary Louisa Huckins.
May. —
John Bumstead.
John B. Fessenden.
Elizabeth F. Minns.
Oct. —
Sarah Cummins.
Mary Cummins.
Abby W. Dudley.
James Cunningham.
Elizabeth H. Cunningham.
Catherine H. Cunningham.

1857

Jan. Harriet Briggs.
April. Agnes L. Greene.
June. —
Jane W. T. Spaulding.
Jenny Tileston Spaulding.
Oct. —
Olive E. Hayden.
Elizabeth B. Fisher.
Anna E. Putnam.

1858

Jan. 4. —
James Guild.
Martha Simmons.
Mary Emma Dillaway.
Mary V. Buffinton.
Mary Anne Jones.
Emily Greene.
Rebecca W. Pickering.
March. —
Cushing Stetson.
Sarah M. Simmons.
Isabella D. Harrington.
Ann M. Hill.
April. —
Adeline D. Hooper.
Sarah Guild.
June. —
Edward C. R. Walker.
Harriet Walker.
Sept. —
Mary P. Nichols.
Sarah E. Nichols.
Dec. Catherine W. Fearing.

1859

Feb. —
Sarah B. Lewis.
Elizabeth Lewis.
Emeline B. Fuller.
April. Ellen P. Perrin.
May. —
Dependence S. Waterman.
Georgiana Waterman.

1860

Jan. James H. Barnes.
Feb. Judith Eleanor Motley.
May. —
Frances G. Fessenden.
Mary B. Fessenden.

1861

July. Sarah Nichols Messer.
Sept. Sybil Allen.
Oct. Daniel Simmons Fisher.
Nov. —
Caroline May.
Miriam P. Loring.

1862

Jan. —
Annie W. Davis.
Sarah E. Stearns.
Harriott T. Ward.
Sarah R. Robinson.

1863

Jan. Anna Catherine Hancock.
April. Mary Beers.
June. Julia Annie Meston.
Nov. Thomas Motley Jr.
Dec. —
Mary G. Fuller.
Frances G. Pickering.

1864

Feb. —
——— Bacon.
Laura Rogers.
Annie Williams.
March. —
Susan G. Rogers.
Susan S. Rogers.
Mary S. Thomas.
May. —
Eugene L. Buffinton.
Sarah Wells.
May. Julia Messer.
July. —
Anna G. Gray.
Margaret C. Welch.
Minna Motley.
Nov. Caroline K. Wyman.
Dec. William S. Bond.

1865

Jan. —
Bessie Bromfield Rogers.
Frances Stetson Rogers.
Mary Frances Stetsou.
Feb. —
Theoda H. Fearing.
Marie Louise Mandell.
March. —
Jane E. White.
Sarah D. H. White.
Margaret U. White.
Wm. Phipps.
Elizabeth V. Phipps.
Lucy Staniford.
Geo. B. Palmer.
Maria D. Palmer.
April. Emily D. Crafts.
May. —
John C. Hunneman.
Charlotte S. Reynolds.
Ann F. Reynolds.
Florence L. Clarke.
Dec. —
Louise A. Crafts.
Sarah Wells.

1866

March. —
Elizabeth F. Homer.
Augusta F. Homer.
May. —
Josephine M. Hicks.
Emma E. Hicks.
Henrietta G. Fuller.

June. Samuel P. Blake.
Sept. Harriet L. Otis.
Oct. Ellen Maria Barrett.

1867

March. —
Lucy E. Huckins.
Edith H. Clarke.
Harriet W. Ritchie.
Clara E. Ritchie.
Aug. Fannie L. Stevens.

1868

Jan. Grace Bradford.
July. Eliza Dorr Williams.

1869

Nov. Annie M. Hobbs.
Dec. Sarah E. Foster.

1870

Jan. —
Henry G. Pickering.
Edward H. Bradford.
Henry W. Putnam.
Elizabeth W. Bacon.
Sue Williams.
March. —
Sarah W. D. Lemist.
Fanny Gore Bradford.
May. —
Florence H. Thwing.
Amie H. Thwing.
June. Maria Davis.
Dec. Walter Eliot Thwing.

1871

Nov. Caroline Weld Fuller.

1872

B. Louisa Champney.
Mary Ann Champney.
Sarah M. Champney.
Lydia H. Champney.
Dec. M. Louisa Reynolds.

1874

Jan. Abby S. Erving.
Oct. —
Horace G. Hutchins, Julia H. Hutchins, Harriet Hutchins, Emma Hutchins } from Church in Charlestown.
Caroline P. Hutchins
Bertha F. Williams

1875

June. Mary A. Wales.
Oct. Jane E. Lovering.

1877

April. —
Hannah Caroline Leavitt.
Ellen Willusta Leavitt.

1878

Jan. Sarah Parker.
May. Sarah W. Daggett.
Nov. Josephine Wilson.

1879

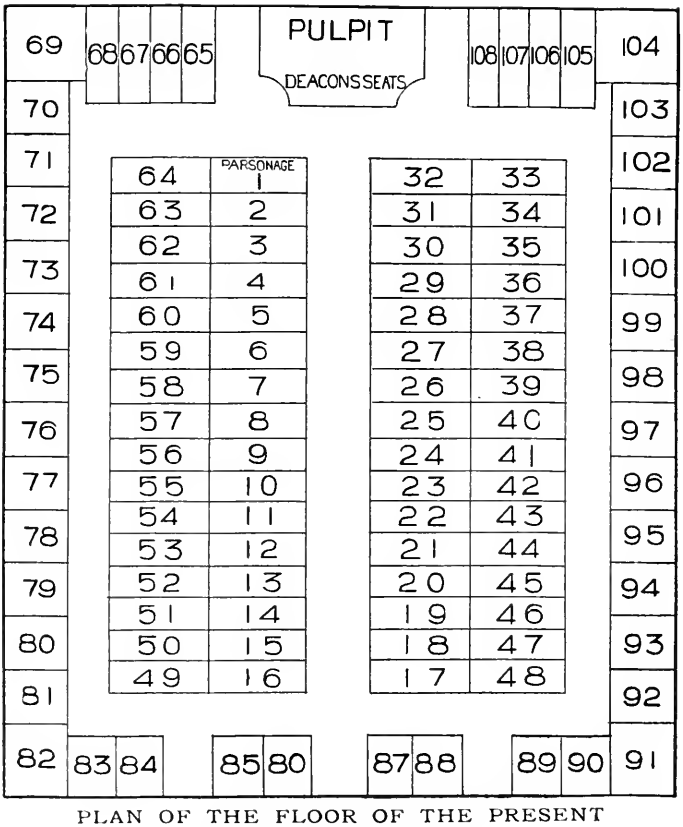
March. —
Mrs. Mary A. Edson.
Joseph W. Tucker.

1880

Jan. Grace Livermore.
April. —
Katharine Hamilton Andrews.
Agnes Quincy Andrews.
Sarah Dearborn.
May. —
Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Plympton
Rebecca Clarke.
Susan H. Pickering.

1881

Oct. Dr. E. T. Williams.
Nov. —
William S. Boardman.
Mary M. Boardman.



PLAN OF THE FLOOR OF THE PRESENT MEETING HOUSE, 1804.

1886

Jan. 3. —
Ida T. Weeks.
Frank M. Leavitt.
Carl Edson.
Matthew Binney.
Harry Hinckley.
Margery Dodd.
Robert Williams.
George Houston.

1888

March 19. Emily Daggett Crafts.
Dec. 2. Eleanor Parker.

1890

April 6. Virginia Fisher.
Oct. 5. William Safford Jones.

1893

Jan. 1. —
Mary Sibyl Collar,
Mildred Averill Collar.

1895

Dec. 1. Elizabeth Bates Thacher

PEW OWNERS

Pew No. 1 *Lower Floor*

Parsonage Pew.

Pew No. 2, *Lower Floor*

May 10, 1804. Cost $348.00. Hon Nathaniel Ruggles, see Fourth Meeting House.

Oct. 13, 1834. Caroline Porter, niece of Rev. Dr. Eliphalet Porter, & dau. of Rev. Huntington Porter.

Apr. 15, 1844. Charles Knapp Dillaway, see Deacons.

Pew No. 3, *Lower Floor*

May 10, 1804. Cost $385.00. Mrs. Sarah Davis.

Oct. 15, 1828. Thomas Brewer, of Roxbury, b. July 8, 1781; d. June 4, 1859; m. Abigail Stone. Dry goods merchant. Member of the City Council of Boston. Member of the Standing Committee, 1836.

Dec. 7, 1839. Gardner Brewer, b. May 1, 1806; d. Sept. 30, 1874; m. Mary Weld. Wholesale commission merchant. President of several manufacturing companies and director in others.

Feb. 14, 1848. Jonathan Chapman, b. Jan. 23, 1807; d. May 25, 1848; m. Lucinda Dwight. H. C. 1825. Mayor of Boston, 1843.

July 8, 1854. Charles Bunker, b. Aug. 8, 1802; d. Aug. 21, 1881; m. Judith Folger. Lawyer. U. S. Consul at Lahaina, Sandwich Islands. Member of Roxbury Board of Aldermen.

Nov. 19, 1862. JOHN HENRY EASTBURN, b. April 1, 1805; d. July 1, 1873; m. Susan Fosdick Simmons. Learned the printer's trade of Major Benjamin Russell, proprietor of "Columbian Centinel." City Printer, 1827 to 1854; proprietor of "The Atlas," published in 1840.

Pew No. 4, Lower Floor

May 10, 1804. Cost $415.00. JOHN DAVIS WILLIAMS, see Fourth Meeting House.

March 18, 1856. AARON DAVIS WILLIAMS, b. July 3, 1787; d. Dec. 8, 1863; m. Nancy Bugbee. Farmer, first one to introduce French pears and first to graft pears on to quince bushes. Charter member and councillor Mass. Horticultural Society. Treas. Roxbury Charitable Society. On committee applying for City Charter for Roxbury in 1845. Trustee of Institution for Savings in Roxbury, etc.

March 13, 1868. NANCY WILLIAMS, w. of Aaron Davis Williams.

Nov. 27, 1868. AARON DAVIS WILLIAMS, see Long Pew No. 45 in Gallery.

Pew No. 5, Lower Floor

May 10, 1804. Cost $380.00. JOHN SHIRLEY WILLIAMS, b. May 3, 1772; d. May, 1843; m. Nancy Hunt Fellowes. H. C., 1797. Lawyer. Clerk of the Courts, also County Attorney.

May 26, 1814. AMOS ADAMS WILLIAMS, see Square Pew No. 22, in Gallery.

July 18, 1823. JOHN LOWELL, see Pew No. 101, Lower Floor.

Aug. 11, 1823. AARON DAVIS WELD, b. Dec. 21, 1779; d. June 26, 1835; m. (1) Betsey Williams, (2) Susannah Morey, (3) Martha Williams. Farmer.

March 3, 1831. DAVID ALLEN SIMMONS, see Pew No. 33, Lower Floor.

Feb. 9, 1860. FRANKLIN GREENE, b. April 22, 1807; d. Nov. 15, 1893; m. Agnes Love Bradlee. President of the Prescott Insurance Co.

Jan. 4, 1889. MRS. MARY ANN MORSE.

Pew No. 6, Lower Floor

May 10, 1804. Cost $380.00. HENRY HOWELL WILLIAMS, b. March 9, 1767; d. in 1832; m. Sally Williams. A man of property.

April 6, 1821. SAMUEL GUILD, see Pew No. 79, Lower Floor.

Jan. 18, 1844. SAMUEL GUILD, JR., b. July 16, 1809; d. Sept. 16, 1846; m. Elizabeth Baker Davis Thayer. Leather merchant. Was for some years a member of the choir of this church.

Dec. 17, 1849. JAMES GUILD, see Pew No. 53, Lower Floor.

Jan. 26, 1888. CAROLINE W. GUILD, w. of James Guild.

Pew No. 7, Lower Floor

May 10, 1804. Cost $410.00. GEORGE ZIEGLER, see Fourth Meeting House.

Jan. 1, 1820. WILLIAM BACON, b. June 27, 1790; d. March 8, 1868; m. Elizabeth Wyman. Merchant.

March 26, 1846. AUGUSTUS BACON, b. April 21, 1815; d. April 8, 1896; m. Elizabeth Moore Lothrop. Merchant.

Pew No. 8, Lower Floor

May 10, 1804. Cost $370.00. ISAAC DAVIS, b. July 31, 1769; d. March 17, 1856; m. (1) Elizabeth White, (2) Salome White. Farmer. Member of Parish Committee, 1812, 1814, 1815; of Standing Committee, 1825, 1826, 1827. Selectman and Overseer of Roxbury, 1810, 1811. Treasurer of Roxbury, 1817 to 1845. Member of Legislature, 1819 to 1854. Trustee of the Roxbury Latin School.

May 10, 1804. SAMUEL WELD, see Fourth Meeting House.

Jan. 19, 1863. NANCY WELD, w. of Samuel Weld and dau. of Deacon Sumner.

Pew No. 9, Lower Floor

May 10, 1804. Cost $355.00. SARAH DUDLEY, w. of William Dudley.

Sept. 18, 1812. SAMUEL DUDLEY, b. Aug. 6, 1785; m. Susanna Davenport Brewer. Farmer.

March 29, 1814. SAMUEL GUILD, see Pew No. 79, Lower Floor.

March 21, 1864. SARAH GUILD, w. of Samuel Guild.

Nov. 30, 1870. HENRY GUILD, b. Jan. 13, 1824; d. July 27, 1886; unmarried. Merchant. President of People's National Bank.

Nov. 10, 1890. CHARLES W. CHAMBERLIN, living.

Oct. 27, 1896. WILLIAM TORREY BARKER, b. Feb. 14, 1851; d. Aug. 12, 1903; m. Susan Withers Warden. Paper manufacturer. President of the American Paper Trade Association.

Pew No. 10, Lower Floor

May 10, 1804. Cost $330.00. ELISHA FORBES, one half pew, see Fourth Meeting House.

May 10, 1804. AARON POMEROY, one half pew, see Fourth Meeting House.

April 26, 1816. CALVIN WARREN, b. 1785; d. May 3, 1819; m. Caroline ———.

May 19, 1825. CAROLINE WARREN, w. of Calvin Warren.

July 2, 1838. ISAAC PARKER TOWNSEND, b. July 2, 1784; d. Nov. 3, 1846; m. Catherine Parker. Flour merchant.

March 17, 1856. Catherine Parker Townsend, w. of Isaac Parker Townsend.

Oct. 9, 1868. William Amory, see Pew No. 61, in Gallery.

March 1, 1880. David Miller Hodgdon, see Long Pew No. 29, in Gallery.

Pew No. 11, *Lower Floor*

May 10, 1804. Cost $277.00. John Ward, see Fourth Meeting House.

April 19, 1830. Sarah Thwing, w. of Samuel Thwing and mother of Deacon Thwing.

Dec. 3, 1833. Thomas Simmons, see Pew No. 17, Lower Floor.

Jan. 29, 1836. Nathaniel Phillips Lovering, b. Jan. 18, 1808; d. Oct. 4, 1887; m. (1) Mary Lane Clap, (2) Jane Elizabeth Hatch. Held a position in the Boston Custom House. Partner of Benj. F. Copeland. Treas. of the Conn. and Passumpsic River R. R. Co. Treas. of the Concord R. R.

May 17, 1837. Joseph Lovering, b. Sept. 19, 1758; d. June 13, 1848; m. (1) Esther Martin, (2) Anne Phillips, (3) Mary Langdon (Borland) Wales. Originally soap boiling and tallow chandlering, later a careful and shrewd investor. Selectman. Member of first Board of Aldermen, Boston. Representative. Treasurer Mass. Charitable Mechanic Association. A. & H. Artillery Co., 1830.

Dec. 31, 1842. Nathaniel Phillips Lovering, same as above.

April 2, 1844. James Vila, see Pew No. 12, Lower Floor.

Aug. 6, 1874. Elizabeth R. Taylor, w. of Newton Taylor.

March 20, 1883. Robert Bruce Fairbairn, b. in Scotland, Nov. — 1847; d. March 22, 1907; m. (1) Harriet Lavinia Sears, (2) Edith Alexander. Cashier, President and a Director of the National Rockland Bank. Director of the Forest Hills Cemetery Corporation. Director of the Chadwick-Boston Lead Co.

Pew No. 12, *Lower Floor*

May 10, 1804. Cost $260.00. Ebenezer Fox, see Fourth Meeting House.

March 31, 1840. James Vila, b. Feb. 7, 1789; d. May 23, 1871; m. Elizabeth D. Dexter. Wool merchant.

Jan. 2, 1843. Charles Stearns, Jr., b. Dec. 6, 1794; d. Oct. 24, 1879; m. Hannah Clap Pierce. Farmer in Brookline. Selectman. Assessor. Member of School Committee.

Sept. 9, 1844. Joseph Vila, b. 1791; d. July 20, 1870; m. Lydia Shepard Staniford. Banker and commission merchant.

Dec. 6, 1847. William Phipps, see Pew No. 25, Lower Floor.

July 7, 1860. Joseph Vila, Jr., b. May 29, 1834; d. Feb. 23, 1885; m. Anna Fields McLellan. Banker.

May 25, 1870. Aaron Warner Spencer, b. Jan. 17, 1823; d. July 29, 1895; m. Josephine Vila. Banker. President Boston Stock Exchange.

Pew No. 13, *Lower Floor*

May 10, 1804. Cost $260.00. Bartholomew White, b. Jan. 4, 1773; d. April, 1857; m. Hannah ———. Victualler.

May 10, 1804. Thomas Mayo, see Fourth Meeting House.

April 23, 1823. John H. Hawes, see Pew No. 83, Lower Floor.

Nov. 15, 1832. Benjamin Hawes, b. April —, 1771; d Oct. 16, 1857; m. Mary Pilsbury Shannon. Farmer.

March 11, 1850. Joseph Nickerson, b. March 3, 1804; d. Feb. 28, 1880; m. Louisa Winslow. Merchant.

Pew No. 14, *Lower Floor*

May 10, 1804. Cost $240.00. Dudley Williams, see Fourth Meeting House.

June 1, 1808. Jacob Allen. One half pew, see Fourth Meeting House.

April 19, 1810. Chenery Clark. One half pew. b. March 24, 1779; d. April 27, 1848; m. Lucy Davis.

April 30, 1824. Jacob Allen bought this pew of assignees of Chenery Clark and sold it to Samuel Payson who sold it to Calvin Allen and he sold it to

Feb. 20, 1860. William Henry Slocum, b. Jan. 1, 1818; d. Aug. 19, 1901; m. Sarah Elizabeth Williams. Importer and dealer in furs.

Pew No. 15, *Lower Floor*

May 10, 1804. Cost $190.00. George Howe, of Roxbury, m. Mary ———.

Jan. 31, 1820. Oliver Shed, b. March 14, 1794; m. Nabby ———. Merchant.

Dec. 11, 1823. Jonathan Dorr, see Pew No. 84, Lower Floor.

Dec. 29, 1832. Nathaniel Dorr, see Pew No. 97, Lower Floor.

Dec. 11, 1834. William Joseph Loring, b. 1795; buried March 2, 1841; m. Anna Thorndike. H. C., 1813. Merchant.

May 20, 1841. Anna Loring, w. of William Joseph Loring.

Feb. 10, 1880. Charles Milton Seaver, b. March 18, 1829; d. April 26, 1902; m. Helen Sophia (Rogers) Ball. A capitalist.

Pew No. 16, *Lower Floor*

May 10, 1804. Cost $171.00. STEPHEN CHILDS, b. July 17, 1771; d. June 16, 1863; m. Rebecca Williams. Kept a boot and shoe store in Roxbury.

May 10, 1804. JONATHAN WILLIAMS, b. Sept. 3, 1775; d. Feb. 11, 1825; m. Anne Tileston. Leather dresser, a founder of the Universalist Church, Member of Roxbury City Guard.

June 16, 1812. JOHN HOUGHTON, b. May 31, 1772; d. Sept. 27, 1828; m. Nancy Williams. Tanner.

March 7, 1817. JESSE JORDAN, b. Nov. 17, 1795; d. Aug. 25, 1870; m. Ann Bond Mirick. At first a tanner then a Japan leather finisher, a founder of the Universalist Church.

Aug. 18, 1823. WILLIAM HEATH SPOONER, b. Aug. 5, 1798; d. Feb. 9, 1872; m. (1) Caroline Hartshorn, (2) Harriet Curtis, (3) Mrs. Rebecca Moses. Hotel proprietor and manager.

June 19, 1834. CHARLES MAY WINDSHIP, b. April 16, 1809; d. July 19, 1865; m. Susan Barker. Harvard Medical School, 1829. Consulting Physician of the City of Roxbury.

Oct. 22, 1869. SUSAN WINDSHIP, w. of Dr. Charles May Windship.

Oct. 24, 1870. WILLIAM FRANK STETSON, living.

Oct. 26, 1874. WILLIAM COE COLLAR, living.

Pew No. 17, *Lower Floor*

May 10, 1804. Cost $201.00. SAMUEL LANGLEY, b. June 3, 1778; d. Feb. 6, 1861; m. Emily Pierpont. Carpenter, housewright and architect of Roxbury. A founder of the Universalist Church.

April 16, 1823. DAVID ALLEN SIMMONS, see Pew No. 33, Lower Floor.

Jan. 1, 1830. THOMAS SIMMONS, b. Oct. 8, 1791; d. March 16, 1866; m. Sarah Homans Thwing. For 40 years a merchant on India Wharf, Boston. Parish Treasurer, 1830–1832. Member Standing Committee in 1856.

May 10, 1845. JOHN JOSEPH MAY, see Deacons.

Sept. 4, 1848. LUCIA MARSTON WATSON, dau. of George Watson.

Pew No. 18, *Lower Floor*

May 10, 1804. Cost $215.00. MRS. MARTHA RUGGLES, see Fourth Meeting House.

Nov. 10, 1835. CHARLES KNAPP DILLAWAY, see Deacons.

Dec. 21, 1843. LUKE BALDWIN, see Pew No. 21, Lower Floor.

Dec. 2, 1847. CHARLES MAYO ELLIS, b. Dec. 23, 1818; d. Jan. 23, 1878; m. (1) Harriet Lucretia Lewis, (2) Helen Thomas. H. C., 1839. Lawyer. Author of "The History of Roxbury Town," 1847.

April 8, 1848. CHARLES COPELAND, see Pew No. 33, Lower Floor.

April 15, 1857. SHUBAEL GORHAM ROGERS, b. April 23, 1806; d. Nov. 13, 1876; m. Susan Gross Snow. Secretary of the Fireman's Ins. Co., 1831 to 1865, then President. Director of the Boston and Sandwich Glass Co. Elected member Standing Committee in 1866 but declined the office.

Jan. 22, 1877. SUSAN GROSS ROGERS, w. of Shubael Gorham Rogers.

Dec. 15, 1877. SUSAN SNOW ROGERS, dau. of Shubael Gorham Rogers.

Pew No. 19, *Lower Floor*

May 10, 1804. Cost $240.00. DAVID BAKER, see Fourth Meeting House.

Feb. 4, 1805. SUSANNA SMITH, w. of Ralph Smith.

Dec. 17, 1827. MISS SARAH TAPPAN.

Aug. 17, 1830. EDWARD W. BRADLEY, b. 1799; d. Feb. 1876; m. (1) Elizabeth Weld Williams, (2) Sarah Davis.

Sept. 2, 1837. WILLIAM BACON, see Pew No. 7, Lower Floor.

May 24, 1842. FRANCIS CALEB LORING, of Boston, b. Sept. 1809; d. Aug. 19, 1874; m. Miriam Mason Perkins. H. C., 1828. Lawyer.

Nov. 16, 1857. FRANCIS WILLIAM WELCH, b. Nov. 5, 1808; d. Nov. 28, 1899; m. Mary Anne Humphrey. Master mariner.

Nov. 8, 1878. JANE MERRILL HOLLINGSWORTH, w. of Amor Hollingsworth.

Oct. 29, 1885. MARK HOLLINGSWORTH, b. Feb. 9, 1854; d. March 16, 1905; m. Amelia Grigg Merrill. Member of the music committee, 1889 to 1896.

Pew No. 20, *Lower Floor*

May 10, 1804. Cost $240.00. JOEL WHITING, see Fourth Meeting House.

Dec. 13, 1849. WILLIAM WHITING, see Pew No. 84, Lower Floor.

Jan. 15, 1861. WILLIAM GRAY JR., see Pew No. 40, Lower Floor.

Dec. 1, 1887. HIRAM WHITTINGTON, see Long Pew No. 19 in Gallery.

Pew No. 21, *Lower Floor*

May 10, 1804. Cost $266.00. JOSEPH CURTIS, b. Sept. 23, 1772; d. Feb. 13, 1858; m. Bethia Parker. Farmer, and the first man to carry vegetables to market in a team instead of in paniers on horseback.

May 10, 1804. Samuel Ward, b. Sept. 13, 1772; d. Jan. 5, 1830; m. Joanna ———. Farmer.

May 8, 1806. William Langley, see Square Pew No. 28 in Gallery.

Apr. 22, 1818. Samuel Langley, see Pew No. 17, Lower Floor.

Apr. 16, 1823. William Cummens, see Fourth Meeting House.

June 13, 1834. Luke Baldwin, b. June 5, 1797; d. Oct. 27, 1887; m. (1) Elizabeth Anne Cushing, (2) Helen Sophia Hill. Merchant.

Apr. 19, 1837. William Mack.

Jan. 2, 1841. Nelson Curtis, b. Dec., 1809; d. Sept. 16, 1882; m. Mary S. Hyde. One of the largest contractors in Boston. He built the Boston Museum, Fitchburg R.R. Depot, &c. Alderman. Director of the People's National Bank.

Oct. 3, 1842. Samuel Phipps, of Dorchester, b. June, 1800; d. July 27, 1880; m. Maria Dennis Staniford. Dry goods importer.

Apr. 7, 1860. James Henry Barnes, b. in 1837; d. Nov. 30, 1861; m. Mary Virginia Buffinton. Salesman with Tuttle Gaffield & Co. Glassware.

Sept. 23, 1863. Mary Virginia Barnes, w. of James Henry Barnes.

March 1, 1886. John Hurd Hutchins, living.

Pew No. 22, Lower Floor

May 10, 1804. Cost $295.00. Elisha Whitney, Jr., b. Feb. 4, 1780; d. Feb. 12, 1823; m. Sally Heath. Merchant. A founder of the Universalist Church.

July 1, 1813. Samuel Langley, see Pew No. 17, Lower Floor.

Apr. 16, 1823. Charles Durant, see Square Pew No. 8 in Gallery.

June 13, 1834. Charles Pierpont Blaney, b. Jan. 2, 1797; d. May 9, 1860. Unmarried. Bookkeeper.

June 26, 1860. Nelson Curtis, see Pew No. 21, Lower Floor.

Jan. 23, 1885. Mary S. Curtis, w. of Nelson Curtis.

Pew No. 23, Lower Floor

May 10, 1804. Cost $310.00. Aaron Davis, b. April 13, 1763; d. April, 1817; m. Theoda Williams. Partner of his uncle Moses Davis, afterwards with his brother Charles. Manufacturers and Exporters. Helped to build the Roxbury Canal.

Jan. 8, 1863. Harriet Sigourney, w. of D. A. Sigourney.

Oct. 17, 1863. Caroline B. Thacher, w. of Thomas Thacher.

Jan. 1, 1881. William Gill Thacher, b. July 28, 1846; d. Sept. 23, 1883; m. Elizabeth Ames Bates. Grad. Chauncey Hall School. First

a grocer, then had charge of a large property. Member of the Common Council. Director of the Howard Clock Co. and of the Rockland National Bank.

Pew No. 24, Lower Floor.

May 10, 1804. Cost $330.00. RALPH SMITH, b. Oct. 25, 1770; d. Aug. 12, 1812; m. (1) Mary Whittemore, (2) Sarah Ruggles, (3) Mrs. Susannah Howe. Manufacturer of soap and candles. Member of a company commanded by Watson Gore at Nantasket in the War of 1812, and attached to the commissary department until his death.

May 24, 1825. JOSEPH HARRINGTON, b. June 27, 1781; d. Dec. 8, 1852; m. Rebecca Smith. Yale College, 1803. Studied law with Fisher Ames. He suggested the planting of trees around the church green. He held Justice Courts every Saturday. After retiring from the bench he received a position in the Boston Custom House and held it until his death.

March 31, 1837. SAMUEL SHAW LEWIS, b. June 19, 1799; d. June, 1869; m. Hannah Brackett Lewis. Commission Merchant, afterward Agent of the Cunard Steamship Co., in Boston.

March 17, 1842. SARAH LEWIS, daughter of Thomas Lewis.

Jan. 5, 1843. ROBERT GOULD SHAW, b. June 4, 1776; d. May 3, 1853; m. Elizabeth Willard Parkman. Merchant.

Oct. 31, 1856. SAMUEL ALLDS WAY, see Pew No. 65, Lower Floor.

March 23, 1883. SAMUEL LITTLE, b. Aug. 15, 1827; d. Dec. 21, 1906; m. Elizabeth Malbon. President of Rockland National Bank. Alderman. Member Common Council. Treas. of Highland St. R'way Co. Member of Legislature.

Pew No. 25, Lower Floor.

May 10, 1804. Cost $370.00. REUBEN STODDARD, d. Oct. 1807; m. Huldah ———. Mariner.

May 10, 1804. STEPHEN MANSFIELD, see Fourth Meeting House.

Jan. 29, 1810. DANIEL HAMMOND, b. Dec. 13, 1785; d. Aug. 23, 1872; m. Sally Stoddard. Merchant of the firm of Cutler & Hammond.

June 12, 1826. HULDAH STODDARD, w. of Reuben Stoddard.

Sept. 7, 1826. SALLY HAMMOND, w. of Daniel Hammond.

June 27, 1844. WILLIAM PHIPPS, b. Aug. 6, 1799; d. Feb. 16, 1873; m. Elizabeth Vinton Staniford. Dry goods merchant.

Feb. 9, 1860. HENRY NEWTON FARWELL, b. Jan. 12, 1822; d. June 14, 1896; m. Clara Richardson. Commission merchant.

March 27, 1865. Horatio Harris, b. Feb. 12, 1821; d. Feb. 29, 1876; m. Eunice Elizabeth Crehore. Commission merchant. Trustee of Joshua Sears Estate. Director of Atlas Bank. One of the originators and a director of the Metropolitan Railroad. One of the proprietors of the Adams, Oxnard and Continental Sugar Refineries. One of the leading promoters of the "World's Peace Jubilee."

Nov. 3, 1876. Minnie Harris, daughter of Horatio Harris.

Oct. 25, 1880. William Goodwin Russell, see Pew No. 51 in Gallery.

Oct. 1884. John Felt Osgood, see Pew No. 96, Lower Floor.

Pew No. 26, Lower Floor.

May 10, 1804. Cost $380.00. Joseph Williams, see Fourth Meeting House.

May 19, 1825. Nehemiah Davis Williams, b. July 25, 1786; d. May 13, 1852; m. Sarah Heath. Tanner and farmer.

Dec. 18, 1852. Joseph Williams. Provision dealer.

Feb. 9, 1856. Anna R. Dwight, of Brookline.

Jan. 1, 1858. David Nevins, of Brighton, b. Dec. 12, 1809; d. March 19, 1881; m. Eliza S. Coffin. Dry goods commission merchant and manufacturer.

Dec. 21, 1882. Eliza S. Nevins, w. of David Nevins.

Pew No. 27, Lower Floor.

May 10, 1804. Cost $390.00. Rebecca Wait, w. of Jacob Wait.

May 22, 1806. Samuel Wait, see Pew No. 38, Lower Floor.

Aug. 10, 1826. Lydia Wait.

Dec. 10, 1827. Benjamin Franklin Copeland, b. Nov. 25, 1798; d. Dec. 22, 1863; m. Julia Fellowes Ruggles. Commission merchant. Representative. Deputy Collector of the Port of Boston.

March 26, 1830. Ebenezer Francis, see Pew No. 36, Lower Floor.

Jan. 30, 1862. Elizabeth Brown Bowditch, w. of Nath[l] I. Bowditch.

Jan. 12, 1880. Henry Ware Putnam, living.

Pew No. 28, Lower Floor.

May 10, 1804. Cost $390.00. John Parker of Boston, b. Feb. 3, 1759; d. April 21, 1828; m. Elizabeth Phillips. Merchant.

Sept. 7, 1840. John Parker, b. June 4, 1783; d. Dec. 29, 1844; m. Anna Sargent. Merchant. Owner of Parker Hill.

Oct. 26, 1874. Samuel Crocker Cobb, see Pew No. 67, Lower Floor.

May 8, 1888. Stephen Henry Williams, b. Nov. 3, 1807; d. July 15, 1894; m. Katharine Morrill. Graduate of Roxbury Latin School. Clerk of Boardman and Pope on India Wharf in the East India Trade. Sailed for them as Captain. Established at San Francisco and Honolulu, the Commission House of S. H. Williams & Co. Representative Member of Roxbury City Council.

Pew No. 29, Lower Floor.

May 10, 1804. Cost $410.00. Madam Elizabeth Sumner, w. of Governor Increase Sumner.

Sept. 15, 1814. John Lemist, b. Aug. 25, 1785; d. Jan. 13, 1840; m. Mary (Cordis) Haswell. Merchant. Owner of Auchmuty House. Parish Treasurer, 1825. Treasurer of the Society, 1826 to 1829. Member of Standing Committee, 1822 and 1830 to 1833. Trustee of the Roxbury Latin School.

March 12, 1840. Edward Brinley, see Pew No. 70, Lower Floor.

June 20, 1851. Thomas Howe, of Dorchester. Vinegar maker.

Oct. 19, 1860. Elijah Williams, of Boston, b. Aug. 1805; d. June 19, 1879; m. Mary Nye Bangs. Flour commission merchant. Trustee of several estates. Owned numerous ships.

Pew No. 30, Lower Floor.

May 10, 1804. Cost $391.00. Margaret Magee, w. of James Magee.

Jan. 29, 1810. Jonathan Dorr, see Pew No. 84, Lower Floor.

May 10, 1830. Benjamin Franklin Copeland, see Pew No. 27, Lower Floor.

June 10, 1837. Rev. George Putnam, Pastor of this Church.

Nov. 29, 1839. Isaac Parker Townsend, see Pew No. 10, Lower Floor.

March 4, 1843. William Gray, of Boston, b. Dec. 20, 1810; d. Feb. 12, 1892; m. Sarah Frances Loring. H. C. 1829. Lawyer. Overseer of Harvard College. President Alumni Assn. Fellow Am. Acad. Member of Mass. Hist. Society.

Pew No. 31, Lower Floor.

May 10, 1804. Cost $355.00. Doctor John Bartlett, see Fourth Meeting House.

Nov. 22, 1854. Julia Hill, w. of Thomas Hill of Roxbury.

Jan. 31, 1870. Adams Ayer, see Deacons.

Pew No. 32, Lower Floor.

May 10, 1804. Cost $350.00. THOMAS WILLIAMS, JR., bap. June 3, 1764; d. Sept. 20, 1823; m. (1) Elizabeth McCarthy, (2) Frances Jones. Lawyer.

March 24, 1825. SAMUEL JACKSON GARDNER, b. July 9, 1788; d. July 14, 1864; m. Mary Bellowes Kingsley. H. C. 1807. Lawyer. Secretary and Treasurer of the Roxbury Latin School. In 1820 he presented a Holy Bible to the Parish which is still in the pulpit. Member of the Standing Committee in 1827, 1828, 1829. In 1838 moved to Newark, New Jersey. Editor of the *Newark Daily Advertiser*.

Aug. 26, 1837. MARY BELLOWS GARDNER, w. of Samuel Jackson Gardner.

June 13, 1839. LYDIA WILLIAMS, of East Bridgewater, dau. of Dr. Thomas Williams, of Roxbury.

July 9, 1844. DANIEL ANDREW SIGOURNEY, see Pew No. 38, Lower Floor.

Feb. 15, 1859. JEREMIAH WILLIAMS, b. April 9, 1805; d. Feb. 3, 1877; m. Emmeline Eames Childs. Farmer. Selectman of West Roxbury.

March 1, 1878. HENRY WARE PUTNAM, living.

April 30, 1883. ANNA CABOT LOWELL, see Pew No. 35, Lower Floor.

Pew No. 33, Lower Floor.

May 10, 1804. Cost $300.00. HON. NATHANIEL RUGGLES, see Pew No. 2, Lower Floor.

Oct. 24, 1822. DAVID ALLEN SIMMONS, b. Nov. 7, 1787; d. Nov. 20, 1859; m. Martha Fairfield Ruggles. Lawyer. Parish Clerk 1822–1825. Member Parish Committee 1823–1824. Clerk of the Society 1825–1829. State Senator from Roxbury 1848–1849.

Oct. 13, 1834. CHARLES COPELAND, b. Aug. 27, 1803; d. March 9, 1853; m. Susan Rogers Sprague. Merchant.

May 18, 1837. CHARLES NICHOLS, b. Jan. 26, 1794; d. Aug. 22, 1873; m. Harriet Powers. Paying teller in the New England Bank.

June 16, 1845. BENJAMIN FRANKLIN COPELAND, see Pew No. 27, Lower Floor.

May 24, 1860. ROBERT CHAMBLET HOOPER, see Pew No. 92, Lower Floor.

Oct. 25, 1880. MRS. SAMUEL D. BRADFORD.

Pew No. 34, Lower Floor.

May 10, 1804. Cost $312.00. JOSEPH SEAVER, see Fourth Meeting House.

Dec. 29, 1832. WATSON GORE, b. March 18, 1793; d. June 13, 1872; m. Catherine Gates Willard. Importer of linens. Member of Standing Committee 1833–1834. Member of the New England Guards.

Oct. 11, 1844. Catherine Gates Gore, w. of Watson Gore.

Aug. 20, 1847. Enoch Train, see Pew No. 51 in Gallery.

May 20, 1859. Alfred Augustus Reed, b. Sept. 7, 1817; d. Oct. 1, 1878; m. Caroline Van Son. Lived in Java many years; afterwards engaged in cotton manufacturing in this country.

April 2, 1866. Ebenezer Francis Parker, b. Dec. 13, 1823; d. Aug. 15, 1896; m. Elizabeth Clap Stone. Partner of Augustine Heard & Co., Merchants of Hong Kong, China.

Pew No. 35, Lower Floor.

May 10, 1804. Cost $340.00. Aaron White, b. April 8, 1741; d. Dec. 18, 1809; m. Elizabeth Cheney. Farmer.

May 19, 1825. William White, b. Oct. 9, 1779; d. Aug. 25, 1833; m. Nancy Avery. Mason.

Dec. 20, 1833. David Dudley, see Pew No. 45, Lower Floor.

March 27, 1834. Daniel Andrew Sigourney, see Pew No. 38, Lower Floor.

July 1, 1837. Edwin Lemist, b. Oct. 14, 1806; d. Jan. 28, 1888; m. Sarah Whitney Davis Dorr. Dry goods merchant.

May 15, 1838. James Russell. Bookkeeper in the Atlas Bank.

June 27, 1842. Rebecca Amory Lowell, dau. of John Lowell, taught in the Sunday school about 40 years.

Jan. 21, 1874. Anna Cabot Lowell, dau. of John Lowell, taught in the Sunday school about 50 years. Secretary of the Lincoln Freedman's Aid Society.

Pew No. 36, Lower Floor.

May 10, 1804. Cost $320.00. William Hyslop Sumner, b. July 4, 1780; d. Oct. 24, 1861; m. Mary Ann (DeWolf) Perry. H. C. 1799. Lawyer. Representative, 1808 to 1819. Organized in 1833 the East Boston Co. One of the original members of the Massachusetts Horticultural Society.

April 2, 1816. George Ziegler, see Pew No. 7. Lower Floor.

June 11, 1819. Ebenezer Francis, b. Oct. 15, 1775; d. Sept. 21, 1858; m. Elizabeth Thorndike. Merchant and a large ship owner. Chairman of the Trustees and President of the Massachusetts General Hospital. President of the Suffolk Bank. President of the Cocheco Mfg. Co. Treasurer of Harvard College.

April 20, 1830. David Dudley, see Pew No. 45, Lower Floor.

Dec. 21, 1833. John Jones Clarke, see Square Pew No. 31 in Gallery.

June 30, 1845. Nathaniel Ingersoll Bowditch, of Boston, b. Jan. 17, 1805; d. April 16, 1861; m. Elizabeth Brown Francis. H. C. 1822. Admitted to the Bar, 1825. Became a conveyancer and examiner of titles to real estate. In 1855 wrote the "Gleaner" articles in the *Boston Transcript*. Published a "History of the Massachusetts General Hospital" and "Suffolk Surnames."

March 4, 1862. Elizabeth Brown Bowditch, w. of Nathaniel I. Bowditch.

Jan. 2, 1888. Mrs. Mary Lemist Clarke, dau. of John Jones Clarke.

Pew No. 37, Lower Floor.

May 10, 1804. Cost $350.00. Stephen Williams, see Fourth Meeting House.

———, 1807. Mary Williams, dau. of Stephen Williams.

April 8, 1822. Theoda Hunnewell, w. of Jonathan Hunnewell.

Oct. 20, 1835. Ralph Smith Dorr, b. Feb. 1, 1807; d. Jan. 30, 1869; m. Nancy Davis. Lived in San Francisco where he built large warehouses.

Aug. 17, 1836. Jonathan Dorr, see Pew No. 84, Lower Floor.

Oct. 18, 1837. J. D. Adams.

Aug. 2, 1838. Jonathan Buffington, see Pew No. 93, Lower Floor.

March 5, 1839. Baman Stone, b. Dec., 1804; d. March 4, 1877; m. Mary Walker. Cashier People's Bank. Treasurer of the Society, 1856 to 1862.

Nov. 16, 1840. Samuel Guild, see Pew No. 79, Lower Floor.

Jan. 28, 1842. Augustus Perrin, see Long Pew No. 7 in Gallery.

Jan. 26, 1850. David Child Perrin, b. July 15, 1825; d. Jan. 20, 1879; m. Ellen Priscilla Hooper. Succeeded his father (Augustus Perrin) in the Palm Leaf business which was increased by weaving the Palm Leaf with cotton warp thus making a cloth from which Shaker Hoods and hats and caps were made.

Nov. 6, 1866. J. Henry Sears, living.

May 14, 1867. John J. Dixwell, see Pew No. 60, Lower Floor.

Feb. 12, 1880. Robert Chamblet Hooper, Trustee, see Pew No. 92, Lower Floor.

Pew No. 38, Lower Floor

May 10, 1804. Cost $335.00. Samuel Wait, b. 1771; d. March 3, 1826; m. Mrs. Mary Felton. Manufacturer of leather breeches.

May 24, 1826. Daniel Andrew Sigourney, b. April 3, 1800; d. May 27, 1875; m. Harriet Davis. Cashier of the Washington Bank of Boston. Member of Standing Committee, 1837. State Bank Commissioner.

March 27, 1834. DAVID DUDLEY, see Pew No. 45, Lower Floor.
Sept. 24, 1842. HANNAH DUDLEY, w. of David Dudley.
ABBY WELD DUDLEY, daughter of David Dudley.

Pew No. 39, *Lower Floor*

May 10, 1804. Cost $340.00. JOHN WILLIAMS, see Fourth Meeting House.
May 10, 1804. WILLIAM PATTEN, see Fourth Meeting House.
July 14, 1857. CHARLES NICHOLS, see Pew No. 33, Lower Floor.
Feb. 23, 1886. ISAAC SMITH CRUFT, b. Nov. 24, 1824; d. Dec. 27, 1889; m. Mary Powers Nichols. Merchant.
Nov. 2, 1887. ROBERT B. WILLIAMS, living.

Pew No. 40, *Lower Floor*

May 10, 1804. Cost $315.00. AMOS SMITH, b. 1749; d. March 17, 1826; m. Catherine Smith Langdon. Cordwainer.
May 10, 1822. ELNATHAN TABER, b. Feb. 14, 1768; d. Feb. 27, 1854; m. Catherine Partridge. Learned the clockmaker's trade of Aaron Willard. Made clocks until 1850.
Sept. 1, 1845. NATHANIEL MAYHEW, b. June 22, 1788; d. Dec. 21, 1851; m. Nancy Allen. Sea captain, afterwards ship-broker.
Dec. 2, 1852. THOMAS WILEY, d. June, 1860; m. Margaret ———. Bookseller and Publisher.
Oct. 30, 1856. GEORGE PACKER, see Pew No. 44 in Gallery.
May 9, 1859. WILLIAM GRAY JR., b. July 2, 1837; d. Aug. 16, 1886; m. Catherine Hays Cunningham. Treasurer of the Altantic and Indian Orchard Mills.
Jan. 21, 1860. ELISA WHITWELL, dau. of Samuel Whitwell.
March 26, 1878. ARTHUR MALCOHM THOMAS, b. April 25, 1844; d. Dec. 6, 1879; m. Mary Sarah Sargent. He inherited a large estate and gave his life to its care.
Oct. 12, 1887. CHARLES HENRY HERSEY, living.

Pew No. 41, *Lower Floor*

May 10, 1804. Cost $305.00. WILLIAM DAVIS, see Deacons.
Jan. 22, 1805. JONATHAN DORR, see Pew No. 84, Lower Floor.
Nov. 15, 1810. WILLIAM DAVIS, see Deacons.
Dec. 1, 1821. ELIJAH LEWIS, see Pew No. 64, Lower Floor.
Aug. 23, 1823. HON. WILLIAM GRAY, b. June 27, 1750; d. Nov. 4, 1825; m. Elizabeth Chipman. Merchant. Senator. Lieut.-Governor.

March 8, 1827. Samuel Stillman, b. Jan. 31, 1796; d. March 17, 1878; m. Sarah Collins Baldwin. Wholesale dry goods merchant.

May 2, 1835. Walter Farnsworth, b. 1798; d. Feb. 26, 1881; m. Elizabeth Loring Young. Dry goods merchant. Trustee of estates.

Nov. 3, 1846. Jonathan Pratt Robinson, see Square Pew No. 7 in Gallery.

Jan. 25, 1861. William James Reynolds, see Pew No. 65 in Gallery.

Oct. 7, 1887. Henry O. Stratton, b. Jan., 1837; d. July 15, 1894. Dealer in hardware.

Pew No. 42, Lower Floor

May 10, 1804. Cost $270.00. Susanna Davis, dau. of Capt. Aaron Davis.

Jan. 6, 1845. Horatio Davis, b. April 2, 1810; d. Aug. 18, 1861. Unmarried. Merchant.

Jan. 28, 1850. George Alfred Fisk, b. Oct. 11, 1812; d. Jan. 15, 1883; m. Sarah W. Clap. Hardware dealer.

Feb. 20, 1866. Henry Lefrelet Daggett, see Pew No. 57 in Gallery.

June 15, 1883. Matthew Binney, living.

Pew No. 43, Lower Floor

May 10, 1804. Cost $261.00. Mrs. Hannah Curtis.

Nov. 1, 1834. Milton Durand, m. Louisa ———. Innkeeper.

March 10, 1842. Nathaniel Snow, b. April 30, 1812; d. Nov. 10, 1862. Unmarried. Merchant.

Nov. 13, 1863. Salome Snow, sister of Nathaniel Snow.

June 10, 1892. Gorham Rogers, living.

Pew No. 44, Lower Floor

May 10, 1804. Cost $260.00. Ebenezer Smith, b. 1752; d. May 19, 1822; m. Abigail Williams. Victualler.

May 10, 1804. Joseph Ware, b. 1780; d. July 22, 1830; m. Nancy Smith. Marketman.

Oct. 1, 1830. Guy Carlton, b. 1788; d. Jan. 31, 1840; m. Abigail Hovey. Manager of a morocco factory.

Jan. 20, 1834. John Lemist, see Pew No. 29, Lower Floor.

Feb. 18, 1836. Nabby Carlton, w. of Guy Carlton.

March 23, 1836. Guy Carlton Jr., b. July 22, 1812; d. March 23, 1903; m. Charlotte Howe. Merchant.

Aug. 22, 1838. RALPH CROOKER, see Pew No. 46, Lower Floor.
March 16, 1878. EDWARD BELCHER REYNOLDS, see Deacons.
March 26, 1883. HORACE BACON, living.

Pew No. 45, Lower Floor

May 10, 1804. Cost $240.00. EDWARD JEWETT ROBBINS, b. ——, 1779; d. Sept. 6, 1825; m. (1) Mary Holmes Curtis, (2) Elizabeth ———. Trader.
April 7, 1806. REMEMBER PRESTON, b. Nov. 27, 1756; d. April 18, 1832; m. (1) Mary Davis, (2) Sarah Clark.
May 12, 1825. DAVID DUDLEY, b. Aug. 23, 1787; d. April 21, 1841; m. Hannah Davis. Merchant. President of the Traders' Bank. Member Standing Committee, 1830 & 1832.
July 9, 1834. GEORGE ADAMS, b. Sept. 10, 1792; d. Dec. 21, 1868; m. Mary Ann Leach. Commission merchant.
Oct. 21, 1848. JOHN JOSEPH MAY, see Deacons.
April 7, 1902. EDWARD MAY, living.

Pew No. 46, Lower Floor

May 10, 1804. Cost $206.00. JOHN SEAVER, see Fourth Meeting House.
April 5, 1805. BENJAMIN DUICK, see Pew No. 98, Lower Floor.
Nov. 3, 1829. ABIJAH MERRIAM, see Pew No. 79, Lower Floor.
Feb. 10, 1830. JOSEPH CALLENDER, b. Dec. 15, 1789; d. Sept. 23, 1855.
June 4, 1832. JOSHUA SEAVER, b. Jan. 15, 1779; d. Sept. 11, 1833; m. Nancy Sumner. Taught school in Jamaica Plain. Postmaster of Roxbury.
June 30, 1838. RALPH CROOKER, b. May 28, 1801; d. March 2, 1886; m. Marietta Hathaway Borden. Overseer of the Iron Mills Corporation on Parker St., afterwards Superintendent of the Bay State Iron Works, South Boston.
Aug. 28, 1838. JOEL SEAVERNS, b. April 18, 1801; d. April 14, 1853; m. Ann T. Seaver. Farmer. His farm is now Forest Hills Cemetery.
Aug. 5, 1839. GEORGE ARTHUR SIMMONS, see Long Pew No. 2 in Gallery.
Feb. 16, 1843. CAPT. JAMES HUCKINS, b. Jan. 29, 1798; d. Oct. 11, 1868; m. Lucy J. Crocker. At first in the starch business in Roxbury, afterwards owner of the famous clipper ships *Northern Light* and *Golden Light* the former making the fastest passage on record between Boston and San Francisco — 76 days, 5 hours.
March 5, 1883. JOHN H. HAINES, b. ——, 1839; d. Sept. 2, 1889.
March 18, 1890. MARY P. BACON, living.

Pew No. 47, Lower Floor

May 10, 1804. Cost $171.00. STEPHEN SAMPSON, d. Feb., 1826; m. Mary Morse. Tanner.

Oct. 18, 1817. BENJAMIN MYRICK, b. April 14, 1776; d. Oct. 1, 1838; m. Sarah Goding. Tanner. A founder of the Universalist Church.

April 30, 1824. JOHN LEMIST, see Pew No. 29, Lower Floor.

June 6, 1838. LEVI BARTLETT, b. June 3, 1784; d. June 21, 1864; m. Clarissa Walker. Merchant.

Oct. 9, 1845. WHITING HEWINS, b. Aug. 13, 1789; d. Aug. 16, 1855; m. Olive Easty. Oil merchant.

Jan. 16, 1900. ALBERT FEARING HAYDEN, living.

Pew No. 48, Lower Floor

May 10, 1804. Cost $193.00. JONATHAN CHAMPNEY, b. Feb. 6, 1737; d. Aug. 14, 1809; m. Elizabeth Pierce. Cordwainer.

May 7, 1889. JAMES HOWE CHAMPNEY, see Square Pew No. 3 in Gallery.

Pew No. 49, Lower Floor

May 10, 1804. Cost $175.00. EBENEZER BUGBEE, see Fourth Meeting House.

May 18, 1825. ASA BUGBEE, b. June 24, 1790; d. Dec. 15, 1831; m. Jane ———. Painter.

Jan. 5, 1832. ALPHEUS M. WITHINGTON. Carpenter.

June 30, 1835. BENJAMIN FRANKLIN COPELAND, see Pew No. 27. Lower Floor.

April 13, 1836. BENJAMIN FRANKLIN CAMPBELL, b. July 6, 1806; d. March 29, 1874; m. Mary Lilley. Machinist. A Director of the People's Bank.

April 19, 1843. SUPPLY CLAP THWING, see Deacons.

Sept. 1, 1857. JOHN ROGERS, b. May 11, 1800; d. June 15, 1884; m. Sarah Ellen Derby. H. C. 1820. President Roxbury Charitable Society. President Roxbury Home for Aged Women. Treasurer of the Vermont and Mass. Railroad Co. Treasurer of the Music Hall Association. Member Standing Committee, 1872–1875. Member Music Committee, 1851–1865.

Oct. 9, 1884. ELLEN DERBY ROGERS, dau. of John Rogers.

May 26, 1888. JAMES CLARKE DAVIS, b. Jan. 20, 1838; d. May 11, 1905; m. Alice Paine. H. C. 1858. Was Class Secretary. Lawyer. Assistant District Attorney. Member of School Board. Trustee of large estates.

March 29, 1893. NATHAN DYER ROBINSON, see Pew No. 58, Lower Floor.

Pew No. 50, Lower Floor

May 10, 1804. Cost $161.00. ½ pew. GEORGE LYON FARRINGTON, b. ——, 1764; d. Nov. 30, 1823; m. Rhoda Baker. Cooper.

May 10, 1804. One half pew. CHARLES JOY, see Fourth Meeting House.

April 10, 1809. One half pew. STEPHEN SAMPSON, see Pew No. 47, Lower Floor.

Jan. 30, 1823. One half pew. WILLIAM JOY, b. Dec. 20, 1800; m. Mary Parker Hunt.

Nov. 7, 1823. One quarter pew. WILLIAM BACON, see Pew No. 7, Lower Floor.

Nov. 7, 1823. One quarter pew. WILLIAM HEATH SPOONER, see Pew No. 16, Lower Floor.

Jan. 3, 1848. JOHN ADAM WEISSE, see Long Pew No. 5 in Gallery.

Nov. 6, 1852. HENRY WHITE PICKERING, b. May 27, 1811; d. Aug. 15, 1898; m. Frances Dana Goddard. Stock broker. Presdt. of the Old Boston Nat. Bank. President of the Boston Stock Board. Member Common Council. Member of the First Board of License Commissioners and of the Overseers of the Poor.

Jan. 20, 1870. STEPHEN W. MARSTON, Jr., b. Oct. 11, 1819; d. Sept. 4, 1899; unmarried. Dry Goods Commission Merchant. Director of the National Webster Bank.

Pew No. 51, Lower Floor

May 10, 1804. Cost $221.00. Five eighths of pew. ELIJAH DUDLEY, b. July 26, 1764; d. Sept. 6, 1805; m. Isabel Weed. Cooper.

May 10, 1804. Three eighths of pew. OTIS GOULD, see Fourth Meeting House.

Dec. 17, 1827. MISS SARAH TAPPAN.

July 26, 1828. ISABEL WHITING, w. of Moses Whiting, of Dedham.

Feb. 9, 1842. ELIZABETH WHITWELL, dau. of Samuel Whitwell.

Feb. 9, 1860. DANIEL STANIFORD, b. April 22, 1814; d. Feb. 21, 1879; m. Frances Ann Minns Wheelwright. Wool merchant.

Pew No. 52, Lower Floor

May 10, 1804. Cost $241.00. CAPT. JESSE DOGGETT, see Fourth Meeting House.

April 20, 1814. ELIZABETH DOGGETT, w. of Jesse Doggett.

April 18, 1845. JONATHAN AMORY DAVIS, see Pew No. 89, Lower Floor.

Jan. 4, 1866. ANN WAINWRIGHT DAVIS, dau. of Jonathan Amory Davis.

Jan. 31, 1884. HENRY DAN WILMARTH, see Deacons.

Pew No. 53, Lower Floor.

May 10, 1804. Cost $260.00. WILLIAM BLANEY, see Fourth Meeting House.

May 19, 1825. CATHERINE BLANEY, w. of William Blaney.

Sept. 20, 1847. HORACE BACON, b. ——, 1801; d. Aug. 14, 1850; m. Miranda Wood. City messenger. Sexton of this church.

Nov. 22, 1847. EDWARD DARLEY BOIT, b. Aug. 31, 1813; d. Oct. 25, 1890; m. Jane Parkinson Hubbard. H. C. 1834. Lawyer. Representative.

May 29, 1848. JAMES GUILD, b. July 12, 1811; d. May 3, 1887; m. (1) Sophia Buckland Child, (2) Ann Eliza Gore, (3) Caroline Whitmarsh. A Graduate of Roxbury Latin School. Leather merchant. Member of Standing Committee 1853. Trustee of the Roxbury Latin School and its Treasurer in 1855. President and Director of the People's Bank. President Roxbury Gas Light Co.

Nov. 7, 1850. FREDERICK GUILD, living.

Dec. 4, 1891. JAMES CLARKE DAVIS, see Pew No. 49, Lower Floor.

Pew No. 54, Lower Floor

May 10, 1804. Cost $271.00. EBENEZER SEAVER, see Fourth Meeting House.

April 14, 1855. SARAH PARKER, dau. of Ebenezer Seaver and w. of Thomas Parker.

April 1, 1884. SARAH PARKER, dau. of Thomas Parker.

Pew No. 55, Lower Floor

May 10, 1804. Cost $300.00. THOMAS WYMAN, see Fourth Meeting House.

Oct. 18, 1817. ISAAC WYMAN, b. March 27, 1795; d. Nov. 6, 1872; m. Catherine Taber. Farmer.

Feb. 5, 1880. EMMELINE HAYWARD, see Pew No. 107, Lower Floor.

March 30, 1883. JOHN TETLOW, living.

Pew No. 56, Lower Floor

May 10, 1804. Cost $321.00. COL. WILLIAM BARNES, see Fourth Meeting House.

May 18, 1825. JANE BARNES, w. of Col. William Barnes.

July 17, 1833. MOSES WHITING, b. ——, 1780; d. March 19, 1842; m. Percis Rice Clark.

July 1, 1846. BENJAMIN BANGS, b. Dec. 10, 1783; d. June 18, 1860; m. Sophia Nye. Merchant. Owner of ships. Interested in Valparaiso trade. Member of Common Council. Representative.

Oct. 23, 1860. CHARLOTTE AUGUSTA BRADSTREET, dau. of Benj. Bangs, and w. of Samuel Bradstreet.

Pew No. 57, Lower Floor

May 10, 1804. Cost $330.00. HEIRS OF THE PIERPONT ESTATE.

Aug. 16, 1806. SAMUEL GORE, bap. Dec. 23, 1770; d. Dec. 11, 1824; m. Abigail White. Farmer.

March 10, 1830. WILLIAM FISK, b. Dec. 20, 1770; d. June 11, 1844; m. Eunice White. Cabinet maker. Measurer of wood.

Feb. 28, 1843. CAPT. ARCHELAUS REA, b. Feb. 12, 1778; d. Sept. —, 1864; m. (1) Elizabeth Mason, (2) Maria Marsh Woodbridge. Master Mariner. Agent of Salem Iron Co.

Nov. 16, 1847. PHILIP DUMARESQ, b. April 13, 1804; d. June 25, 1861; m. Margarita Deblois. Educated at Gardiner, Me. Commanded a ship at the age of twenty, and for thirty years prominent in his profession. He was the first American who began the traffic with the Japanese after the American Treaty of Commerce.

Oct. 8, 1855. JAMES STURGIS, b. Aug. 21, 1822; d. Jan. 21, 1888; m. Mary Catharine Townsend. Engaged in the East India, China, South Africa and Australian trades. On the staff of Gov. Alex. H. Rice.

Jan. 30, 1880. JAMES THACHER HAYWARD, see Pew No. 85, Lower Floor.

Nov. 24, 1886. JAMES WARREN HAYWARD, see Long Pew No. 34, in Gallery.

Pew No. 58, Lower Floor

May 10, 1804. Cost $338.00. HUMPHREY BICKNALL, see Fourth Meeting House.

May 10, 1804. SIMEON PRATT, see Fourth Meeting House.

May 6, 1837. POLLY LEWIS, w. of Thomas Lewis.

Feb. 9, 1854. GEORGE FOSTER WILLIAMS, b. Aug. 17, 1805; d. Dec. 5, 1872; m. Susan Lucy Fellowes. Member of the firm of Hall & Williams, afterwards Tucker & Williams.

Nov. 11, 1878. NATHAN DYER ROBINSON, b. June 20, 1835; d. April 11, 1895; m. Elizabeth Leman Parker. Member of the firm of Macullar Parker & Co., dry goods. Member of the Boston Art Club and the Roxbury Club.

Pew No. 59, Lower Floor

May 10, 1804. Cost $351.00. JOEL SEAVERNS, see Fourth Meeting House.

May 10, 1804. SAMUEL SEAVERNS, b. ——, 1782; d. April 29, 1810; m. Charlotte Williams.

July 26, 1817. CHARLOTTE SEAVERNS, w. of Samuel Seaverns.

July 26, 1824. WILLIAM LANGLEY, see Square Pew No. 28, in Gallery.

May 14, 1825. AARON KINGSBURY, see Pew No. 92, Lower Floor.

April 18, 1856. William B. Kingsbury, b. Dec. 14, 1806; d. April 6, 1872; m. Freelove Fenner. Farmer. Alderman. Treasurer Roxbury Gas Light Co. Trustee of Institution for Savings in Roxbury and Vicinity.

Nov. 27, 1875. Edward C. R. Walker, b. Dec. 11, 1823; d. Oct. 11, 1897; m. Henrietta Kingsbury. Manufacturer.

Pew No. 60, *Lower Floor*

May 10, 1804. Cost $341.00. Deacon Joshua Felton, see Deacons.

May 10, 1804. Zabdiel Adams, see Fourth Meeting House.

May 16, 1825. Abigail P. Adams, w. of Zabdiel Adams.

Feb. 9, 1828. Dr. Zabdiel Boylston Adams, b. Feb. 19, 1793; d. Jan. 25, 1855; m. Sarah May Holland. H. C. 1813. M. D. 1816.

Aug. 10, 1833. Samuel Billings, see Pew No. 94, Lower Floor.

Nov. 27, 1844. John Bumstead, b. Jan. 12, 1778; d. Oct. 29, 1857; m. (1) Frances Gore, (2) Sarah Gore. Merchant and dealer in real estate.

July 28, 1866. John James Dixwell, b. June 27, 1806; d. Nov. 14, 1876; m. Eliza Boardman Ingersoll Bowditch.

May 14, 1867. J. Henry Sears, see Pew No. 65, in Gallery.

Pew No. 61, *Lower Floor*

May 10, 1804. Cost $320.00. Major William Bosson, b. Apr. 28, 1753; d. after 1818; m. (1) Prudence Mayo, (2) Susanna Mayo. One of the minute men at Lexington. Major in the Continental Army. Parish Clerk, 1815 to 1817. Member Parish Committee, 1805, 1806, 1815, 1816.

Nov. 20, 1816. Elijah Lewis, see Pew No. 64, Lower Floor.

Aug. 26, 1818. Samuel Hewes, b. May 4, 1767; d. Oct. 21, 1860. Unmarried. Dry Goods Merchant. Capt. of the Boston Fusileers.

June 21, 1821. William Cooper Hunneman, b. July 10, 1769; d. May 10, 1856; m. Hannah Hewes. Coppersmith. Brass founder and manufacturer of hand fire engines. President of Mass. Charitable Society. One of the Deacons of West Boston Church. (Rev. Dr. Charles Lowell).

Feb. 19, 1856. William Cooper Hunneman, Jr., b. Jan. 4, 1830; d. Jan. 28, 1869; m. Sally Williams Patten. First in the drug business and later a manufacturer of varnishes.

March 29, 1869. Sidney Bartlett, b. Feb. 13, 1799; d. March 6, 1889; m. Caroline Pratt. H. C. 1818. Taught school in Scituate. In 1821 admitted to the Bar where he became the leader. One of the founders

and first president of the Boston Bar Assn. Member of the Legislature and also of Constitutional Convention. Received from Harvard College Honorary Degree of LL.D. in 1855.

Feb. 14, 1880. CHARLES FREDERICK BRADFORD, see Pew No. 104, Lower Floor.

Pew No. 62, Lower Floor

May 10, 1804. Cost $340.00. WILLIAM PRATT, b. May 18, 1776; d. Feb. 5, 1826; m. Mary Wyman. Currier.

June 7, 1825. CHARLES DURANT, see Square Pew No. 8, in Gallery.

July 1, 1829. AARON KINGSBURY, see Pew No. 92, Lower Floor.

Nov. 2, 1830. SUPPLY CLAP THWING, see Deacons.

April 18, 1843. JOHN MURRAY FORBES, b. Feb. 23, 1813; d. Oct. 12, 1898; m. Sarah Hathaway. Merchant. One of the leaders who gave an impetus to the great Railway systems of the West. A Director of the Chicago Burlington and Quincy Rail Road from 1857 until his death, also Chairman of the Board of Directors and President of the same Railroad. Elector at large at President Lincoln's election in 1860. Member of Peace Congress Feb . 1861., Deputy Commissary under Governor Andrew in 1861. One of two persons sent by the Secretaries of State and Navy on a private mission to England March 1863. One of the founders of the Sanitary Commission. "In the Civil War he did more for his country than any other private citizen and we owed our success as much to him as to any other man." (Judge Hoar.)

April 27, 1874. EDWIN READ, b. —— 1815; d. March 12, 1887. Auctioneer.

Jan. 26, 1878. JOHN COFFIN JONES BROWN, living.

Pew No. 63, Lower Floor

May 10, 1804. Cost $320.00. DAVID POIGNAND, m. Delicia ———. Merchant. Removed to Lancaster.

April 12, 1810. NATHANIEL SCOTT, see Fourth Meeting House.

Jan. 8, 1816. THOMAS WHITTEMORE SCOTT, b. Dec. 20, 1793; d. May 1, 1824; m. Susan Curtis Brewer. Manufacturer.

Sept. 1, 1835. ENOCH BARTLETT, b. Feb. 17, 1779; d. June 25, 1860; m. Abby Kane DeWolf. A merchant who laid the foundation of his fortune by importing a cargo of English dry goods just before the War of 1812. A pioneer member and a Vice President of the Mass. Horticultural Society. The "Bartlett Pear" was named in honor of him having been first introduced from Great Britain into the garden which he afterwards purchased.

Nov. 15, 1860. ANN D. BARTLETT, daughter of Enoch Bartlett.

May 6, 1874. CAROLINE BARTLETT, daughter of Enoch Bartlett.

Pew No. 64, Lower Floor

May 10, 1804. Cost $306.00. ELIJAH LEWIS, b. March 3, 1773; d. Dec. 15, 1858; m. (1) Fanny Sumner, (2) Elizabeth Sumner Daggett. Associated with Charles and Aaron Davis manufacturers and exporters. Alderman. Representative. Captain of Roxbury Fire Brigade. Member of Parish Committee in 1823.

Apr. 12, 1859. GEORGE LEWIS, see Long Pew No. 17, in Gallery.

Pew No. 65, Lower Floor

May 10, 1804. Cost $214.00. JOHN DOVE, reverted to Parish.

April 25, 1806. LUCY BOWMAN, see Pew No. 91, Lower Floor.

Jan. 24, 1807. DEACON SAMUEL SUMNER, see Deacons.

May 4, 1818. WILLIAM HAZLET, see Fourth Meeting House.

Jan. 6, 1845. ABRAHAM F. HOWE, b. May, 1783; d. Nov. 29, 1861; m. Mary Woodman. At first a West Indian merchant afterwards an auctioneer. President in the Norfolk M. F. Ins. Co. Special county commissioner. Held offices in the City of Government.

March 25, 1845. JOSEPH WHITE, see Pew No. 90, Lower Floor.

June 21, 1845. LYMAN LOCKE, b. Jan. 25, 1804; d. Dec. 23, 1861; m. (1) Almeria Rosaline Boynton, (2) Eliza Anne Lane, (3) Frances Brewster. Manufacturer of weighing scales and afterwards purchased and conducted an iron foundry.

June 20, 1850. THOMAS LORD of Boston, d. Jan. 1860. Merchant and dealer in real estate.

Jan. 2, 1854. SAMUEL ALLDS WAY, b. Dec. 17, 1816; d. June 4, 1872; m. Sarah Ann Simpson. Banker. Organized the first bank under the Mass. Free Banking Law. Large real estate holder.

April 15, 1857. JAMES RITCHIE, b. May 12, 1815; d. March 16, 1873; m. (1) Caroline Whitaker, (2) Mary Jane Kimball. H. C. 1835. Principal of the Partridge Academy in Duxbury. Mayor of Roxbury. President Roxbury Charitable Society. City Missionary. One of the founders of the Old Ladies' Home. Editor of the *Norfolk County Journal*. Trustee of the Roxbury Latin School. Representative. Assessor of Internal Revenue. Member of Governor Andrew's Council.

July 15, 1867. SEAMAN KLOUS, living.

This pew was removed in 1888 to give space for the new pulpit.

Pew No. 66, Lower Floor

May 10, 1804. Cost $260.00. MOSES DAVIS, see Fourth Meeting House.

April 24, 1824. EZRA MORSE, b. Nov. 16, 1765; d. Oct. 17, 1826; m. Rebecca Thomas. Soap boiler.

May 8, 1830. EZEKIEL D. DYER, m. Mrs. Rebecca Morse. Gold-beater.

June 13, 1834. AMOS STEVENS, b. —— 1803; d. Feb. 25, 1861; m. Susan ———. Merchant and Manager of a balance factory.

Dec. 30, 1835. NAHUM WARD, b. Oct. 10, 1801; d. Nov. 9, 1858; m. (1) Susan Gurney, (2) Ruth Stetson Gurney. Manufacturer of tallow candles and settled soap. Alderman. Director of Nat. Rockland Bank.

March 28, 1860. RUTH STETSON WARD, w. of Nahum Ward.

Pew No. 67, *Lower Floor*

May 10, 1804. Cost $202.00. NATHANIEL PATTEN, d. before 1822, in Missouri; m. Nancy Scott. One of the Committee of Correspondence during the Revolution. One of the original incorporators of the Boston Marine Society. Ropemaker. His daughter Sarah was the first child baptized in this meeting house, June 10, 1804.

May 10, 1804. BENJAMIN MARSHALL, see Fourth Meeting House.

Sept. 12, 1807. NATHANIEL SHEPHERD PRENTISS, b. Aug. 7, 1766; d. Nov. 5, 1853; m. Abigail Pico. H. C. 1789. Began the practice of medicine in Marlborough. In 1801 he removed to Roxbury and took charge of the Roxbury Latin School for eight years. Afterwards kept a private school. Representative. Town Clerk about 30 years. Parish Clerk. Member of Parish Committee. Helped to establish the First Baptist Church in Roxbury and one of the founders of the Eliot Congregational Church in Kenilworth Street.

May 30, 1821. SAMUEL GUILD, see Pew No. 79, Lower Floor.

Nov. 16, 1840. BAMAN STONE, see Pew No. 37, Lower Floor.

Feb. 8, 1862. SAMUEL CROCKER COBB, b. May 22, 1826; d. Feb. 18, 1891; m. Aurelia Ladd Beattie. Merchant. Pres. of the Mass. Society of the Cincinnati. Alderman of Roxbury. Alderman and Mayor of Boston. Trustee of Fellowes Athenæum. Trustee of Roxbury Latin School. Member of Standing Committee. President of Roxbury Charitable Society. Member of the Board of Public Institutions. President of Nat. Revere Bank. Trustee National Sailors' Home. Actuary of the Mass. Hospital Life Ins. Co.

Dec. 21, 1877. WILLIAM ADDISON BEATTIE. Living.

Pew No. 68, *Lower Floor*

May 10, 1804. Cost $311.00. WILLIAM HANNAFORD, m. Betsey Knower. Currier. A founder of the Universalist Church.

March 7, 1822. SAMUEL DOGGETT, b. Feb. 12, 1794; d. Aug. 18, 1856; m. Lois Currier. Manufacturer of mirrors, picture frames, &c. Captain of the Norfolk Guards of Roxbury.

Jan. 7, 1845. Henry Pettes, b. May 24, 1810; d. Aug. 29, 1882; m. Mary Barrett. Merchant.

Feb. 16, 1860. John Reed, b. ——, 1812, d. July 26, 1892; m. Harriet White. Vice-Treasurer Provident Institution for Savings.

Pew No. 69, *Lower Floor*

May 10, 1804. Cost $347.00. Thomas Rumrill. One half pew, see Fourth Meeting House.

May 10, 1804. Nathaniel Richardson. One half pew. b. March 19, 1780; d. April 18, 1812; m. Mary Dwight Coverly.

Jan. 10, 1807. Benjamin Weld. One quarter pew, see Pew No. 75, Lower Floor.

Jan. 10, 1807. Jesse Doggett. One quarter pew, see Pew No. 52, Lower Floor.

July 25, 1825. Samuel Jackson Gardner. One half pew, see Pew No. 32, Lower Floor.

Feb. 13, 1826. John Weld Childs, b. Feb. 8, 1789; d. March 21, 1864; m. Sarah Richards.

Jan. 19, 1830. Charles Frederick Gore, b. ——, 1799; d. June 10, 1857. Gardener.

Jan. 19, 1830. Joseph Warren Tucker, see Deacons.

July 3, 1833. Samuel Perkins, b. ——, 1771; d. Aug. 3, 1846.

Aug. 9, 1843. Abigail Perkins.

Feb. 27, 1850. Cushing Stetson, b. Apr. 26, 1800; d. March, 1865; m. Mrs. Frances (Burrows) Bowles. Merchant.

Sept. 30, 1863. George W. Wheelwright, see Long Pew No. 4, in Gallery.

Pew No. 70, *Lower Floor*

May 10, 1804. Cost $310.00. Thomas Kilby Jones, bap. Feb. —, 1759; d. April 26, 1842; m. Polly Morton. Auctioneer and Merchant. He built his country seat "Grove Hall." Trustee and Vice-Pres. of Mass. Fire Society. Trustee of the Roxbury Latin School.

Aug. 17, 1833. John Jones Clarke, see Square Pew No. 31 in Gallery.

June 19, 1834. Edward Brinley, b. ——, 1809; d. July 13, 1868; m. Ann Matilda Bartlett. Druggist.

March 31, 1843. Hezekiah Blanchard, b. ——; d. May, 1864; m. Charlotte Porter. Dealer in seeds. Member of New England Guards in 1812.

Pew No. 71, *Lower Floor*

May 10, 1804. Cost $298.00. Nehemiah Munroe, see Deacons.

Dec. 29, 1828. SAMUEL HEWES HUNNEMAN, b. Feb. 12, 1800; d. Jan. 15, 1869; m. Elizabeth Champney. Coppersmith. Builder of the celebrated Hunneman Hand and Steam Fire Engines in Roxbury. President of Mass. Mechanic Charitable Association. Member of the Roxbury Social Library. Engineer of the Roxbury Fire Department.

Feb. 1, 1883. AUGUSTUS PARKER, see Pew No. 69, in Gallery.

Nov. 23, 1898. WILLIAM PRENTISS PARKER. Living.

Pew No. 72, Lower Floor

May 10, 1804. Cost $299.00. EBENEZER CRAFTS, see Deacons.

April 12, 1844. MISS SARAH STODDARD, from New London.

Nov. 29, 1844. EBENEZER CRAFTS, see Deacons.

——, 1864. WILLIAM AUGUSTUS CRAFTS, b. Oct. 28, 1819; d. Oct. 30, 1906; m. Emily Daggett. H. C. 1840. Lawyer. Established the *Norfolk County Journal* in 1849. Member of Common Council. Member of School Committee. Representative. Clerk of the State Board of Railroad Commissioners.

Pew No. 73, Lower Floor

May 10, 1804. Cost $297.00. ELEB FAXON, b. Jan. 9, 1756; d. Oct. 6, 1820; m. Ruth Ann Hathaway. Blacksmith. Proprietor of a large iron factory casting cannon used in the War of 1812. A founder of the Universalist Church.

March 22, 1822. RUTH FAXON, dau. of Eleb Faxon.

Jan. 2, 1836. AMOS STEVENS, see Pew No. 66, Lower Floor.

March 3, 1853. THOMAS MOTLEY, JR., b. Feb. 1, 1812; d. March 8, 1895; m. Maria Bussey Davis. Agriculturist. President of the Mass. Society for the Promotion of Agriculture. Trustee of the Mass. Humane Society. President of the Sailors' Snug Harbor.

Feb. 23, 1880. JOSEPH WARREN TUCKER, see Deacons.

Pew No. 74, Lower Floor

May 10, 1804. Cost $302.00. NATHANIEL SEAVER, b. Feb. 7, 1773; d. Oct. 27, 1827; m. Hannah Loco. Merchant.

Nov. 3, 1829. MRS. ANNA GARDNER HOVEY.

Jan. 12, 1839. MISS SARAH S. GARDNER of Cambridge.

Sept. 20, 1856. SAMUEL WILLIAM RODMAN, b. Oct. 30, 1814; d. June 1, 1906; m. Emma Motley. Owner of Whaling ships.

Feb. 10, 1880. JEREMIAH PLIMPTON, see Deacons.

Pew No. 75, Lower Floor

May 10, 1804. Cost $291.00. MAJOR BENJAMIN WELD, see Fourth Meeting House.

May 10, 1804. SAMUEL HEATH, b. March 9, 1760; d. Sept. 24, 1841; m. Mrs. Nancy Greaton. Tanner.

March 1, 1849. ELIZABETH WELD, dau. of Benjamin Weld.

Pew No. 76, Lower Floor

May 10, 1804. Cost $273.00. HON. WILLIAM HEATH, see Fourth Meeting House.

——, 1814. WILLIAM HEATH, JR., see Square Pew No. 25, in Gallery.

May 25, 1836. WILLIAM DAVIS, JR., b. July 18, 1801; d. April 27, 1865; m. Maria Davis. Merchant and importer of Russian goods.

Aug. 25, 1857. SUPPLY CLAP THWING, see Deacons.

March 29, 1878. ANNIE HAVEN THWING, dau. of Supply Clap Thwing

Jan. 28, 1884. JOSIAH WHEELWRIGHT, see Long Pew No. 14, in Gallery.

Dec. 28, 1895. WALTER ELIOT THWING, living. Author of this book.

Pew No. 77, Lower Floor

May 10, 1804. Cost $260.00. BENJAMIN SEAVER, see Fourth Meeting House.

May 28, 1816. SUSANNAH MCCARTY, w. of William McCarty.

Feb. 24, 1842. JOSEPH DUDLEY GOULD, see Pew No. 78, Lower Floor.

Aug. 1, 1878. DR. P. O'MEARA EDSON, living.

Pew No. 78, Lower Floor

May 10, 1804. Cost $222.00. JACOB GOULD, see Fourth Meeting House.

May 10, 1804. SOLOMON JONES, see Fourth Meeting House.

Jan. 11, 1813. LUCY GOULD, w. of Jacob Gould.

Aug. 30, 1828. JOSEPH DUDLEY GOULD, b. May 17, 1807; d. April 19, 1879; m. Sarah Payson Seaverns. Dry goods merchant. Partner of Ozias Field.

Dec. 29, 1828. JOHN LEMIST, see Pew No. 29, Lower Floor.

Aug. 1, 1834. HARRISON GRAY, b. ——, 1794; d. Aug. 16, 1846; m. Clarissa ———. Bookseller. Hilliard, Gray & Co.

April 11, 1835. ROBERT B. SCHENCK.

Sept. 27, 1836. CHARLES WINSHIP HOLBROOK, b. Aug. 4, 1804; d. June 11, 1860; m. Delia Ann Gardner. Discount Clerk City Bank.

Dec. 10, 1841. LEONARD CROCKER BOWLES, b. Sept. 12, 1796; d. March 2 1876; m. Catherine Cushing Lincoln. Bookseller and Publisher. Assistant Secretary of the Mass. Society of the Cincinnati.

Sept. 6, 1842. Samuel Maverick Phillips, b. May 19, 1795; d. June 8, 1875; m. Rebecca Capen Simmons. Merchant.

Feb. 23, 1880. George Morrill, b. Sept. 7, 1825; d. March 31, 1895; m. Sarah Emmons Rogers. Lawyer and Public Administrator.

Pew No. 79, *Lower Floor*

May 10, 1804. Cost $222.00. Samuel Guild, b. March 18, 1777; d. Jan. 12, 1862; m. Sarah Mears. Tanner. Representative. Senator. President of the People's Bank. Trustee of the Roxbury Latin School. President of the Inst. for Savings in Roxbury. Member of the Standing Committee.

May 4, 1814. Major Abijah Merriam, b. ——, 1777; d. July 10, 1852; m. Catherine Coburn. Tanner.

May 7, 1853. Catherine Merriam, dau. of Abijah Merriam.

Sept. 9, 1853. Samuel Parkman Blake, see Pew No. 45, in Gallery.

March 26, 1858. Josiah Wheelwright, see Long Pew No 14, in Gallery.

Pew No. 80, *Lower Floor*

May 10, 1804. Cost $222.00. William Seaver, b. May 6, 1765; d. Feb. 28, 1817; m. Lucy Heath.

June 1, 1829. Dr. Henry Bartlett, b. Dec. 9, 1801; d. July 20, 1872; m. Hannah Everett. H. C. 1820. A prominent physician of Roxbury. Member of Mass. Med. Soc. A Founder of the "Home for Aged Women, &c." in Roxbury. President Roxbury Athenæum. President Roxbury Gas Light Co. President Eliot Savings Bank. Trustee of Fellowes Athenæum. Member of the Standing Committee.

July 4, 1882. Anna Sophia Everett, niece of Mrs. Henry Bartlett, & daughter of Thomas Everett.

Pew No. 81, *Lower Floor*

May 10, 1804. Cost $212.00. Daniel Saunderson, b. 1746; d. Jan. 25, 1829; m. Sarah Cunningham.

March 10, 1830. Sarah Saunderson, w. of Daniel Saunderson.

May 5, 1843. Nathaniel Russell Sturgis, b. Feb. 17, 1779; d. Sept. 26, 1856; m. Susan Parkman. Merchant.

March 2, 1844. Benjamin Apthorp Gould, b. June 15, 1787; d. Oct. 24, 1859; m. Lucretia Dana Goddard. H. C. 1814. Fellow Am. Acad. Principal of Boston Latin School. Afterwards engaged in the East India Trade.

Jan. 28, 1851. GEORGE WILLIAM BOND, b. June 22, 1811; d. May 29, 1892; m. (1) Sophia Augusta May, (2) Louisa C. Greenwood. Wool broker. Member of School Committee of West Roxbury. Trustee Suffolk Savings Bank. Treasurer Mount Auburn Cemetery.

Jan. 17, 1855. EBEN BACON, JR., b. Aug. 4, 1829; d. Feb. 22, 1904; m. Susan Gilchrist Low. Banker. Treasurer Hamilton Mfg. Co. Director China Mut. Ins. Co. President of Washington Nat. Bank. Director of Sailors' Snug Harbor, and of Farm School for Indigent Boys.

Jan. 1, 1898. THEORODE MELVILLE PLIMPTON, living.

Pew No. 82, Lower Floor

May 10, 1804. Cost $203.00. SAMUEL BLANEY, see Fourth Meeting House.

Dec. 16, 1816. WILLIAM PRATT, see Pew No. 62, Lower Floor.

June 26, 1819. LUTHER MORSE, b. Feb. 3, 1770; d. Dec. 4, 1848; m. (1) Mary Holmes, (2) Elizabeth Holmes. Soap boiler. A founder of the Universalist Church.

June 26, 1819. HARTFORD MORSE, see Square Pew No. 17, in Gallery.

Dec. 17, 1827. JONATHAN DORR, see Pew No. 84, Lower Floor.

Dec. 29, 1832. NATHANIEL DORR, see Pew No. 97, Lower Floor.

June 13, 1834. GEORGE WOODMAN, b. Jan. 27, 1796; d. May 6, 1874; m. Louisa Gore. Merchant. Judge of petty cases at Jamaica Plain lockup. Member of Society of War of 1812.

April 11, 1835. HARRISON GRAY, see Pew No. 78, Lower Floor.

Jan. 1, 1844. NATHANIEL R. STURGIS, see Pew No. 81, Lower Floor.

Dec. 22, 1852. FRANCIS MINOT WELD, b. April 27, 1815; d. Feb. 4, 1886; m. Elizabeth Rodman. H. C. 1835. Interested in the cotton and East India trades. Treasurer of Pembroke Print Mills.

Feb. 21, 1878. THOMAS JOHNSTON HOMER, b. Nov. 1, 1813; d. Dec. 25, 1880; m. Mary Elizabeth Fisher. Merchant. Franklin Medal Scholar. Trustee of estates.

Jan. 9, 1882. MARY ELISABETH HOMER, w. of Thomas Johnston Homer.

June 1, 1900. JOHN NOBLE, see Deacons.

Pew No. 83, Lower Floor

May 10, 1804. Cost $195.00. JOHN HOLBROOK HAWES, b. Sept. 20, 1772; d. July 21, 1846; m. (1) Aehsah ———, (2) Sally Clap Messenger. Inherited an estate in Roxbury.

May 10, 1804. DANIEL WHITING; m. Elizabeth ———.

Feb. 18, 1814. JONATHAN FREEMAN COOK; m. Mary Little.

Feb. 4, 1835. GALEN BOWDITCH, b. March 15, 1772; d. March 16, 1853; m. Sally Davenport. Blacksmith and farmer.

Aug. 19, 1839. JOSEPH WARREN TUCKER, see Deacons.

March 12, 1880. MRS. MARY R. GORE.

Pew No. 84, Lower Floor

May 10, 1804. Cost $195.00. JONATHAN DORR, b. April 5, 1777; d. Sept. 18, 1841; m. Eliza Smith. Merchant. Representative. Delivered an address of welcome to General Andrew Jackson on his visit to Roxbury. Interested in the first omnibus line between Roxbury and Boston. Member of Standing Committee in 1825. Trustee of the Roxbury Latin School.

Dec. 20, 1832. NATHANIEL DORR, see Pew No. 97, Lower Floor.

Sept. 4, 1834. CAPT. WILLIAM C. BARSTOW, b. May 9, 1801; d. March 31, 1864; m. Sarah Foster Morton. He commanded ships in the New York and Liverpool Packet Co. until 1844, afterwards Supt. and Manager of the East Boston Land Co. One of the founders and a director of the Maverick Bank.

March 8, 1836. WILLIAM WHITING, b. March 3, 1813; d. June 29, 1873; m. Lydia Cushing Russell. H. C. 1833. Admitted to the Bar in 1838 and became a leading lawyer. Advocated the union of Roxbury and Boston.

March 21, 1839. ADAM STEWART, b. 1776; d. Oct. 15, 1842. He was called Doctor.

March 2, 1844. GEORGE WILLIAM DODD, b. Aug. 26, 1802; d. Oct. 31, 1872; m. Catherine H. Perkins. Assistant Cashier Atlantic Bank.

Oct. 28, 1853. HARRIET BLANCHARD, w. of William Blanchard, Senior.

Sept. 24, 1869. WILLIAM BLANCHARD, see Pew No. 46, in Gallery.

March 15, 1880. JAMES G. HAYNES, b. 1830; d. Dec. 29, 1894; m. Charlotte A. Folger. Merchant.

Jan. 10, 1904. REV. CHARLES RICHMOND WELD, living.

Pew No. 85, Lower Floor

May 10, 1804. Reserved at the sale of pews for the use of the Society.

Apr. 22, 1835. Cost $19.00. BENJAMIN KENT, see Deacons.

Sept. 3, 1856. JAMES THACHER HAYWARD, b. Feb. 19, 1802; d. March 12, 1886; m. Sarah Appleton Dawes. Merchant. Treasurer of Boston Sugar Refinery. Vice Prest. Eliot Five Cent Savings Bank. Director of Eliot Ins. Co. Member of Standing Committee.

Apr. 7, 1883. DR. JOHN LYDENHAM FLINT, b. ——, 1822; d. April 16, 1887. Unmarried. H. C. 1843. Physician of Roxbury.

Pew No. 86, *Lower Floor*

May 10, 1804. Reserved at the sale of pews for the use of the Society.
April 22, 1835. Cost $19.00. BENJAMIN KENT, see Deacons.
May 3, 1866. MRS. SAMUEL D. BRADFORD.
Oct. 25, 1880. JANE ELIZA WHITE, w. of Henry White.

Pew No. 87, *Lower Floor*

May 10, 1804. Reserved at the sale of pews for the use of the Society.
April 22, 1835. Cost $21.00. DR. PETER GILMAN ROBBINS, b. Dec. 10, 1781; d. May 18, 1852; m. (1) Abba Dowse, (2) Mrs. Polly (Williams) Hooper. In early life a physician in Lynn, afterwards in Roxbury. Parish Clerk, 1821.
July 2, 1842. JAMES PHILLIPS, JR., b. March 25, 1808; d. Oct. 5, 1863; m. Eliza Cunningham. Real estate broker. Secretary of Board of Overseers of the Poor of the City of Boston.
April 15, 1854. THOMAS THACHER, JR., b. Jan. 18, 1824; d. Dec. 11, 1869; m. Marietta B. H. Crooker. President Fulton Iron Foundry Co. Notary Public.
March 28, 1871. STEPHEN MINOT WELD, living.
March 11, 1878. HORACE WILLIAMS FULLER, b. in 1844; d. Oct. 26, 1901; m. Emily Gorham Carter. Lawyer and editor.
Jan. 26, 1880. SAMUEL SEAVERNS GAY, b. Feb. 20, 1819; d. Dec. 24, 1894; m. Tryphenia M. Gleason. Stationer.
Jan. 19, 1883. EDWARD BELCHER REYNOLDS, see Deacons.

Pew No. 88, *Lower Floor*

May 10, 1804. Reserved at the sale of pews for the use of the Society.
April 22, 1835. Cost $21.00. DR. PETER GILMAN ROBBINS, see Pew No. 87, Lower Floor.
April 18, 1837. SARAH CUMMENS, dau. of William Cummens.
March 12, 1862. PAUL WILLARD, b. Sept. 26, 1824; d. Aug. 15, 1868; m. (1) Maria Louisa McCleary, (2) Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Read Weld. H. C. 1845. Solicitor of Roxbury. Clerk of the Common Council of Charlestown. Member of the Council. Representative.
May 29, 1877. MARY E. R. WILLARD, w. of Paul Willard.
Dec. 16, 1889. HELEN WENDELL, w. of Frank Wendell.

Pew No. 89, *Lower Floor*

May 10, 1804. Cost $140.00. ABIGAIL GAY, w. of Joel Gay.
Jan. 28, 1820. JOHN LEMIST, see Pew No. 29, Lower Floor.
Dec. 31, 1839. MISS ABIGAIL K. OLIVER.

June 24, 1843. JONATHAN AMORY DAVIS, b. Jan. 16, 1800; d. May 5, 1865; m. (1) Emily Parker, (2) Frances Elizabeth Amory. President Suffolk National Bank. Treasurer Lancaster Mills.

May 5, 1845. WILLIAM DEHON, b. Feb. 2, 1814; d. May 22, 1875; m. Caroline Maria Inches. Counsellor-at-law.

Feb. 9, 1846. NATHANIEL FRANCIS, JR., of Roxbury, b. 1819; d. Aug. 4, 1848. Bookkeeper.

Sept. 15, 1849. NATHANIEL FRANCIS, of Boston, b. 1789; d. Sept. 13, 1870; m. (1) ———, (2) Elizabeth Lydia Coolidge. Iron merchant.

May 10, 1853. HON. JOHN HOWE, of Brookline, b. March 17, 1792; d. April 1, 1867; m. Hannah Williams Heath. Lumber merchant. A Director of the Rutland & Burlington R. R. Co. President of the Boston & Maine R. R. Co. President of the Eastern R. R. Co. Representative. Soldier of the War of 1812, for which service he received a warrant for 160 acres of land from the Government. At the opening of the Civil War in 1861, he presided over the first war meeting in Brookline and gave this land warrant to the Committee to be bestowed upon the family of the first victim of the war.

June 5, 1865. GEORGE WOODS RICE, b. July 14, 1828; d. Nov. 14, 1882; m. Adelaide Walker. Commission merchant. President of Mass. Loan & Trust Co.

May 20, 1887. CHARLES STUART HALLADAY, b. March 23, 1837; d. June 13, 1907; m. Sarah Adams. Civil War Veteran. A. A. Paymaster United States Navy.

Pew No. 90, Lower Floor

May 10, 1804. Cost $190.00. ISAAC CURTIS, b. Dec. 2, 1767; d. May 11, 1822; m. (1) Sally Heath, (2) Margaret Bell. Farmer.

Oct. 4, 1837. EBENEZER PRATT, b. June 17, 1802; d. May 28, 1857; m. Nancy Moore. Painter.

June 17, 1844. JOSEPH WHITE, b. April 15, 1791; d. Oct. 15, 1867; m. Anna Maria Halsey. Merchant in New York and Java, afterwards Cashier of the Atlas Bank.

March 5, 1845. JAMES RUSSELL, see Pew. No. 35, Lower Floor.

April 22, 1846. CHARLES H. BLANCHARD, of Boston, b. ———; d. about 1848; m. Mary E. Stevenson. West India Goods & Groceries.

Oct. 7, 1848. STEPHEN W. MARSH, of Boston, Pianoforte manufacturer.

Jan. 8, 1852. CHARLES MAYO ELLIS, see Pew No. 18, Lower Floor.

July 21, 1855. LEONARD C. BOWLES, see Pew No. 78, Lower Floor.

Dec. 3, 1855. MARTIN LINCOLN BOWLES, b. Nov. 1, 1832; d. Feb. 15, 1904; m. Fanny M. Darracott. Merchandise broker.

March 29, 1858. Henry Hughes Warden, b. Nov. —, 1817; d. Jan. 2, 1897; m. Elizabeth Beal. Merchant.

May 15, 1861. Joseph Williams Balch, b. Aug. 3, 1819; d. Jan. 11, 1891; m. (1) Maria Hallet, (2) Agnes Love Greene. President of Boylston Fire Ins. Co.

Feb. 9, 1878. Charles C. Harvey, living.

Pew No. 91, *Lower Floor*

May 10, 1804. Cost $214.00. Deacon Samuel Sumner. One half pew, see Deacons.

May 10, 1804. Lucy Bowman. One half pew. w. of William Bowman and sister of Governor Increase Sumner.

April 28, 1806. Peleg Heath, Jr., b. May 14, 1771; d. Oct. 21, 1812; m. Peggy Davenport. Farmer.

Dec. 12, 1859. Joseph P. Shaw, b. ———; d. Dec. 31, 1866; m. Sarah Heath. Merchant.

Nov. 1, 1872. Ebenezer Francis Parker, see Pew No. 34, Lower Floor.

Pew No. 92, *Lower Floor*

May 10, 1804. Cost $214.00. Jonathan Hill, m. Suky Bosson. Cabinet maker.

Dec. 29, 1824. Aaron Kingsbury, b. ——, 1776; d. April 12, 1839; m. Mary Lethbridge. Farmer and victualer.

May 3, 1825. John Lemist, see Pew No. 29, Lower Floor.

Oct. 8, 1835. Dr. William Pitt Greenwood, b. May 10, 1766; d. May 10, 1851; m. Mary Langdon. Dentist.

May 19, 1841. Samuel Edmund Sewall, b. Nov. 9, 1799; d. Dec. 20, 1888; m. (1) Louisa M. Winslow, (2) Harriet (Winslow) List. Lawyer. H. C. 1817. LL.B. 1820. Abolitionist. Senator.

June 25, 1847. Lyman Hollingsworth, b. July 17, 1816; d. April —, 1890; m. Mary W. Thayer. Paper manufacturer.

Feb. 21, 1851. Robert Chamblet Hooper, b. April 8, 1805; d. Nov. 26, 1869; m. (1) Maria Hooper, (2) Adeline Denny Ripley. Entered Harvard College in 1818. Did not graduate. Supercargo and Captain of ship. Merchant.

Dec. 2, 1851. Caroline Elizabeth Perkins.

Feb. 27, 1883. William Crosby, see Pew No. 42, in Gallery.

Pew No. 93, *Lower Floor*

May 10, 1804. Cost $198.00. Lemuel Peirce, m. Sarah ———. Wheelwright.

Sept. 24, 1806. Luther Richardson, b. Aug. 25, 1774; d. Nov. 14, 1811; m. Susannah Craft. H. C. 1799. Lawyer. He delivered an oration

July 4, 1800, at the request of the inhabitants of the Town of Roxbury in commemoration of American Independence.

Jan. 1, 1807. ANN PIERPONT, dau. of Robert Pierpont.

Jan. 1, 1807. DANIEL FRENCH, b. ——, 1776; d. Aug. 3, 1828. Carpenter.

Aug. 2, 1814. JAMES RILEY, b. ——, 1790; d. Nov. 6, 1829. Trader. A founder of the Universalist Church.

Oct. 16, 1816. JONATHAN DORR, see Pew No. 84, Lower Floor.

May 15, 1837. JONATHAN BUFFINGTON, b. Sept. 1, 1786; d. July 15, 1859; m. Mary Ann Churchill. East India & West India merchant. Ship owner. Pres. of Commonwealth Bank and President Commonwealth Fire Ins. Co.

Dec. 1, 1887. LOIS W. CLARKE, dau. of Col. Thomas Clarke.

Feb. 15, 1892. MRS. FLORENCE LEMIST CRUFT, living.

Pew No. 94, Lower Floor

May 10, 1804. Cost $210.00. JOSEPH RUGGLES, see Fourth Meeting House.

May 8, 1823. NATHANIEL DORR, see Pew No. 97, Lower Floor.

Aug. 1, 1829. SAMUEL BILLINGS, b. ——, 1757; d. April 11, 1842; m. Hester Gill. Wholesale grocer. Director in State Bank.

May 20, 1830. WILLIAM BRADLEY DORR, b. May 17, 1803; d. Sept. 9, 1875; m. Mary Hickling. H. C. 1821. Lawyer.

April 20, 1835. JONATHAN DORR, see Pew No. 84, Lower Floor.

Jan. 3, 1842. CHARLES DAVIS, JR., b. July 12, 1807; d. March 9, 1888; m. Mary Vila Ball. Owned and managed his large estate. Refused all public offices.

June 10, 1844. JAMES RUSSELL, see Pew No. 35, Lower Floor.

Feb. 13, 1845. WILLIAM CHANNING APPLETON, b. Oct. 25, 1812; d. Aug. 8, 1892; m. Mary Ann Louisa Smith. Lawyer. Treas. of Roxbury Gas Light Co. President of Eliot Five Cent Savings Bank.

Nov. 2, 1887. JAMES WEBSTER NEWELL, living.

Pew No. 95, Lower Floor

May 10, 1804. Cost $222.00. PHINEHAS WITHINGTON, see Fourth Meeting House.

June 18, 1811. EBENEZER WITHINGTON, b. Sept. 23, 1753; d. Oct. 1, 1832; m. (1) Betsey Baker, (2) Mary Preston. Wheelwright. Soldier of the Revolution. Coroner of Norfolk County. Deacon of Rev. Dr. Codman's Church in Dorchester.

May 11, 1812. STEPHEN CHILDS, see Pew No. 16, Lower Floor.

May 11, 1812. JONATHAN WILLIAMS, see Pew No. 16, Lower Floor.

March 30, 1822. STEPHEN CHILDS, 2d.

Nov. 12, 1851. Robert Chamblet Hooper, see Pew No. 92, Lower Floor.

May 24, 1860. Edward Everett Rice, b. July 10, 1814; d. April 8, 1888; m. (1) Priscilla D. Woodridge, (2) Elizabeth H. Bartlett. Merchant. Director in Atlantic Bank.

Dec. 6, 1888. Edward D. Rice, living.

Pew No. 96, Lower Floor

May 10, 1804. Cost $237.00. Ebenezer Brewer. Two thirds of pew, see Fourth Meeting House.

May 10, 1804. William Brewer. One third of pew. b. Feb. 24, 1758; d. July 30, 1817; m. (1) Rebecca Brewer, (2) Mary Brewer. Representative.

May 23, 1825. Elizabeth Brewer, w. of Ebenezer Brewer.

Sept. 4, 1862. John Felt Osgood, b. Dec. 18, 1825; d. July 31, 1894; m. Elizabeth Lawrence Burling. At the age of 15 he was a clerk in the Exchange Bank of Salem. At the age of 17 he was employed by a Salem merchant and spent 6 years as agent at various ports in Arabia. In April, 1850, he went to California and settled in San Francisco as a commission merchant. He came to Boston in 1859 and lived in Roxbury until 1892. His study of mechanics and chemistry soon led to his giving up business. Alderman. Secretary of the Fellowes Athenæum. Treasurer of the Roxbury Latin School. President of the Roxbury Charitable Society. Member of the Standing Committee.

April 24, 1894. Alfred Monson Bullard, living. Treasurer of the Society.

Pew No. 97, Lower Floor

May 10, 1804. Cost $262.00. William Lambert, b. Dec. 22, 1743; d. June 17, 1823; m. (1) Mrs. King, (2) Susannah Cunningham. A grocer in Boston and Halifax, N. S., afterwards a merchant and ship owner. Member of the Humane Society in Boston. One of the founders of the Roxbury Charitable Society.

March 26, 1820. Nathaniel Dorr, b. March 22, 1779; d. Nov. 8, 1850; m. (1) Susan Lambert, (2) Emily Penelope Bradley. Kept a market. Treasurer of the Society.

March 26, 1820. William Blanchard, b. ——, 1775; d. April 18, 1844; m. (1) Mary Elliot, (2) Harriet Lambert. Sea captain and merchant.

Jan. 1, 1830. Susannah Lambert, w. of William Lambert.

March 19, 1841. Warren Fisher, b. May 30, 1794; d. March 9, 1875; m. (1) Lucretia Bucknam, (2) Nancy Stimpson Simmons. Merchant. Owned large tracts of land in Roxbury.

Jan. 15, 1880. William Blanchard, see Pew No. 46, in Gallery.

Pew No. 98, *Lower Floor*

May 10, 1804. Cost $302.00. BENJAMIN DUICK, m. (1) Esther Weld, (2) Hannah Gay, (3) Mary ———. Tavern keeper. Removed to Pomfret, Conn.

May 13, 1805. ASA WHITNEY, b. May 18, 1782; d. March 4, 1826; m. Mary Hammond. Merchant. Parish Treasurer.

April 20, 1818. JOHN CHAMPNEY, see Square Pew No. 14, in Gallery.

Jan. 25, 1867. CHARLES DAVIS, living.

Nov. 29, 1871. HENRY PORTER STANWOOD, living.

Oct. 6, 1883. MRS. ELIZA D. HOWARD.

Pew No. 99, *Lower Floor*

May 10, 1804. Cost $317.00. LIEUT. ELISHA WHITNEY, b. Oct. 6, 1747; d. May 18, 1815; m. Abigail Dana. Farmer.

May 12, 1817. ISAAC DAVIS, see Pew No. 8, Lower Floor.

May 28, 1855. JOHN LANGEDORFF D'WOLF, b. May 24, 1817; d. Dec. 31, 1886; m. Mary White Davis. Sugar commission merchant.

Pew No. 100, *Lower Floor*

May 10, 1804. Cost $322.00. EDWARD SUMNER, b. June 14, 1746; d. Oct. 28, 1829; m. (1) Rebecca Payson, (2) Joanna Sumner. Farmer.

Apr. 30, 1823. ELIJAH LEWIS, see Pew No. 64, Lower Floor.

June 9, 1831. JOANNA SUMNER, w. of Edward Sumner.

April 23, 1835. EDWARD SUMNER, b. Aug. 3, 1810, d. ——, 1849.

Sept. 16, 1837. ABIGAIL MATHER SUMNER, dau. of Edward Sumner.

July 3, 1849. THEODORE OTIS, see Pew No. 59, in Gallery.

Pew No. 101, *Lower Floor*

May 10, 1804. Cost $307.00. JOHN LOWELL, b. Oct. 6, 1769; d. March 12, 1840; m. Rebecca Amory. H. C. 1786. Admitted to the Bar before he was 20 years of age. In 1803 he visited Europe. A noted writer during the War of 1812. A leading member of the Corporation of Harvard College. Received the degree of L.L.D. from Harvard in 1814. Prominent promoter of the Mass. General Hospital and of the Provident Inst. for Savings. President of Board of Trustees of Mass. Agricultural Society. Trustee of the Roxbury Latin School. A supporter of the Boston Athenæum. First in the country to establish a greenhouse on an ample scale and on scientific principles.

Sept. 26, 1842. JOHN AMORY LOWELL, b. Nov. 11, 1798; d. Oct. 31, 1881; m. (1) Susan Cabot Lowell, (2) Elizabeth Cabot Putnam. H. C. 1815. Merchant. Member of Convention for revising State Constitution. Fellow of Harvard College. Trustee of the Lowell Institute. Director of Suffolk Bank.

May 29, 1886. JOSHUA LOVETT, b. Sept. 28, 1840; d. Jan. 25, 1904. Real Estate.

Pew No. 102, *Lower Floor*

May 10, 1804. Cost $302.00. CHARLES DAVIS, b. March 29, 1772; d. Feb. 8, 1842; m. Harriet Fellowes. He and his brother Aaron were manufacturers and exporters. They helped to build the Roxbury Canal. Trustee of the Roxbury Latin School. Parish Clerk. Member Parish Committee.

May 17, 1843. HARRIET DAVIS, w. of Charles Davis.

Sept. 7, 1847. CHARLES JEFFERSON HENDEE, see Pew No. 61, in Gallery.

Jan. 6, 1858. JOSEPH HEWES HUNNEMAN, b. Nov. 21, 1812; d. Dec. 13, 1887; m. Harriet Bradley. Dry goods business in New York. Fire engine builder in Roxbury with his brother Samuel. President of Mass. Charitable Society. Trustee of Eliot Five Cent Savings Bank.

Pew No. 103, *Lower Floor*

May 10, 1804. Cost $302.00. JOSEPH DAVIS, see Fourth Meeting House.

Nov. 18, 1814. POLLY (WILLIAMS) HOOPER, afterwards w. of Dr. Peter Gilman Robbins.

Jan. 6, 1864. MRS. SALLY PATTEN EASTMAN, adopted daughter of Mrs. Polly Robbins.

Nov. 10, 1868. CAROLINE WHITING, niece of Mrs. Polly Robbins.

Pew No. 104, *Lower Floor*

May 10, 1804. Cost $382.00. JOSEPH DUDLEY, see Fourth Meeting House.

Dec. 30, 1822. JOHN CREASE ESTABROOKS, b. Nov. 30, 1793; d. Dec. 4, 1830; unm. Blacksmith.

Nov. 24, 1831. CAPT. STEPHEN WILLIAMS, b. June 26, 1781; d. May 23, 1844; m. Louisa Palmer. Shipmaster. Opened American trade with Siam. Sailing Master of Frigate "President." Commanded ship "Blakeley" in War of 1812. Organized Roxbury Fire Department. Member of the Legislature.

June 24, 1843. CHARLES FREDERICK BRADFORD, b. March 8, 1806; d. Aug. 31, 1887; m. Eliza Edes Hickling. Merchant in China and South America. He compiled, in Spanish, notes on Don Quixote for which he received a medal from the Royal Academy of Madrid and the order of Isabella Catholica from the King of Spain. Trustee of the Roxbury Latin School.

June 16, 1859. GEORGE PACKER, see Pew No. 44, in Gallery.

March 9, 1869. WILLIAM TURELL ANDREWS, see Long Pew No. 6, in Gallery.

Pew No. 105, *Lower Floor*

May 10, 1804. Cost $278.00. STEDMAN WILLIAMS, see Fourth Meeting House. Held by the family for many years.

Pew No. 106, *Lower Floor*

May 10, 1804. Cost $270.00. JOHN CLAP, see Deacons.

July 6, 1841. MOSES GRAGG, b. Sept. 20, 1791; d. Apr. 30, 1885; m. Rebecca Newell Alden. Hotel keeper. Representative. Commissioner of streets in Roxbury. Soldier of the War of 1812. Member Mass. Militia.

April 4, 1865. HARRIET LOUISA THAYER, w. of Charles Lowell Thayer.

Pew No. 107, *Lower Floor*

May 10, 1804. Cost $236.00. HON. JOHN READ, b. ——, 1727; d. Jan. 13, 1813. Tanner. Many years agent for Gov. Bowdoin's Elizabeth Island estate and named Bowdoinham, Maine, in honor of his patron. Readfield, Me., was named for him. Once owned the Shirley Mansion. Selectman, Representative and Member of Governor's Council.

May 23, 1825. JOHN LEMIST, see Pew No. 29, Lower Floor.

Apr. 5, 1839. JONATHAN DORR, see Pew No. 84, Lower Floor.

Jan. 23, 1844. CHARLES ELLIS, b. Feb. 27, 1794; d. Jan. 9, 1860; m. Maria Mayo. Merchant. President Howard Bank.

March 3, 1845. JOSEPH DORR, b. Dec. 1, 1817; d. Feb. 1, 1888; m. Caroline Aurelia (Humphrey) Riley. Merchant in Rio Janeiro, Brazil, Louisville, Ky., and Boston, afterwards interested in real estate.

May 29, 1845. CAROLINE LANGDON EUSTIS, w. of Gov. William Eustis.

Jan. 4, 1866. CHARLES LATHAM HAYWARD, b. March 22, 1812; d. Aug. 28, 1890; m. Emmeline Greenwood. Stockbroker. Treasurer of the First Church in Boston. Director of Eliot National Bank.

Sept. 4, 1866. EMMELINE HAYWARD, w. of Charles Latham Hayward.

June 29, 1888. ALONZO N. BURBANK, see Pew No. 108, Lower Floor.

Pew No. 108, *Lower Floor*

May 10, 1804. Cost $240.00. SAMUEL HOWARD, m. Sarah ———. Cordwainer.

May 10, 1804. ANDREW NEWMAN, b. ——, 1779; d. March 11, 1812; m. Susan Hayward. Blacksmith.

Jan. 4, 1866. FRANKLIN CURTIS, b. Nov. 10, 1817; d. July 4, 1897; m. (1) Emily Dore, (2) Sarah B. Lewis. Merchant and shipowner.

Oct. 15, 1878. ALONZO N. BURBANK, living.

This Pew removed in 1888 to give more space for the new Pulpit.

GALLERY PEWS.

Square Pew No. 1

May 10, 1804. Cost $130.00. DWIGHT WILLIAMS, b. 1779; d. Aug. 10, 1812. Unm.

——, 1812. THOMAS WILLIAMS, b. Oct. 12, 1786; d. Sept. 10, 1815; m. Abigail Williams. Physician. One of the projectors of Roxbury canal.

May 17, 1824. DANIEL SAUNDERSON, see Pew No. 81, Lower Floor.

March 10, 1830. THOMAS SIMMONS, see Pew No. 17, Lower Floor.

Square Pew No. 2

May 10, 1804. Cost $130.00. BARTHOLOMEW WHITE, see Pew No. 13, Lower Floor.

Jan. 27, 1818. THOMAS MAYO, see Pew No. 13, Lower Floor.

May 30, 1823. DAVID ALLEN SIMMONS, see Pew No. 33, Lower Floor.

Square Pew No. 3

May 10, 1804. Cost $143.00. JOSEPH GORE, see Fourth Meeting House.

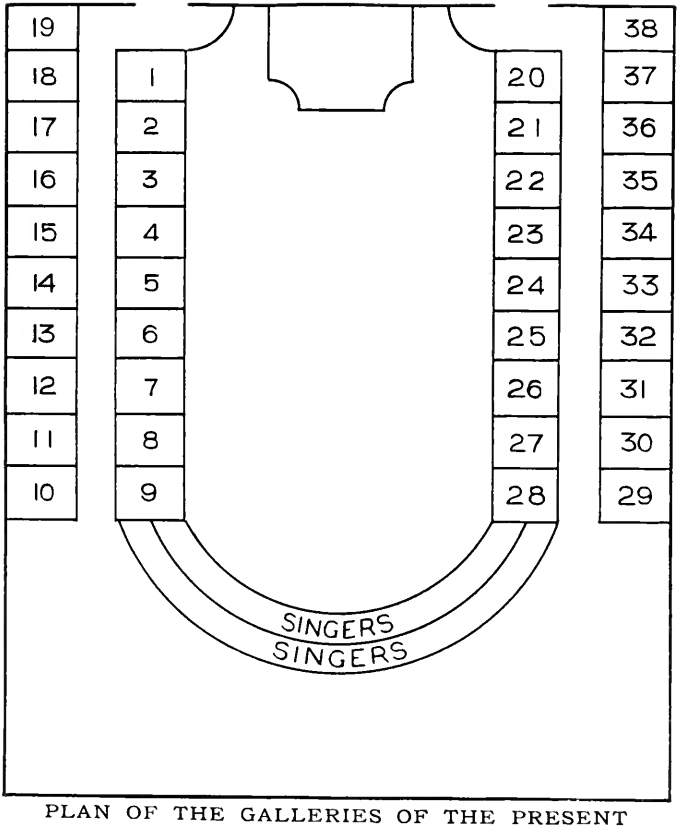
June 12, 1805. AMOS SMITH, see Pew No. 40, Lower Floor.

Apr. 10, 1826. JAMES JONES, b. 1795; d. Dec. 3, 1826.

May 20, 1831. JAMES HOWE CHAMPNEY, b. Dec. 4, 1807; d. Aug. 29, 1889; m. Sarah Elizabeth Wells. Dry goods merchant. Afterwards bookkeeper in the Washington Bank for over 50 years.

April 19, 1832. CHARLES HICKLING, b. Dec. 20, 1799; d. June 9, 1888; m. Eliza Brown Edes. Educated at Boston Latin School. Member of publishing firm of Hickling, Swan & Brewer in the Old Corner Book store.

Sept. 15, 1834. WILLIAM BRADLEY DORR, see Pew No. 94, Lower Floor.



PLAN OF THE GALLERIES OF THE PRESENT MEETING HOUSE, 1804.

Square Pew No. 4

May 10, 1804. Cost $141.00. JAMES LEWIS, see Fourth Meeting House.

Square Pew No. 5

May 10, 1804. Cost $141.00. PELEG HEATH, JR.; reverted to Parish.

Dec. 21, 1806. ANTIPAS JACKSON, b. Nov. 20, 1772; d. July 28, 1846; m. Hannah Richards. Housewright. She was an original member of the Dudley St. Baptist Church.

May 6, 1826. SAMUEL JACKSON, b. Jan. 15, 1803; d. Nov. 7, 1873; m. Mary Doggett. Patent leather manufacturer. Alderman of Roxbury. Selectman and Assessor of West Roxbury.

March 14, 1828. SAMUEL GUILD, see Pew No. 79, Lower Floor.

Square Pew No. 6

May 10, 1804. Cost $136.00. JOSEPH JAMES, see Fourth Meeting House.

Oct. 3, 1805. SAMUEL LANGLEY, see Pew No. 17, Lower Floor.

Square Pew No. 7

May 10, 1804. Cost $146.00. REUBEN PARKER, m. Judith Smith. Miller.

Apr. 19, 1805. RALPH SMITH, see Pew No. 24, Lower Floor.

Aug. 25, 1819. JONATHAN DORR, see Pew No. 84, Lower Floor.

May 10, 1830. JOSHUA BENTLY FOWLE, b. June 17, 1797; d. Aug. 17, 1885; m. Elizabeth Austin. Merchant and baker of ship bread. Alderman.

March 25, 1833. HENRY MOORE.

April 24, 1834. JONATHAN PRATT ROBINSON, b. March 2, 1799; d. April 18, 1863; m. (1) Catherine Lewis, (2) Mary A. G. Goddard. Commission Merchant. Alderman. Deputy Collector of Boston. President of the Mt. Vernon Bank.

Square Pew No. 8

May 10, 1804. Cost $141.00. CHARLES DURANT, b. July 16, 1777; d. Oct. 23, 1832; m. Nabby Langdon Williams. Representative.

April 17, 1805. RALPH SMITH, see Pew No. 24, Lower Floor.

Before 1834. JOSEPH HARRINGTON, see Pew No. 24, Lower Floor.

June 25, 1834. EPHRAIM HARRINGTON, b. Sept. 24, 1786; d. July 24, 1854; m. Maria Williams Simmons. Artillery Co. 1815. Member of the Mass. Militia, of St. John's Lodge F. & A. M., of the Legislature, of the Standing Committee of this church.

Square Pew No. 9

May 10, 1804. Cost $132.00. EDWARD TURNER, see Fourth Meeting House.

May 10, 1804. EBENEZER GODDARD, JR., b. 1779, d. Dec. 15, 1838. Truckman. A founder of the Universalist Church.

June 2, 1834. JONATHAN A. RICHARDS, see Deacons.

Square Pew No. 10

May 10, 1804. Cost $92.00. JOHN CURTIS, JR.; reverted to Parish.

April 25, 1806. JESSE DOGGETT, see Pew No. 52, Lower Floor.

Aug. 26, 1807. EDWARD PAYSON WILLIAMS.

Feb. 6, 1811. { EBENEZER BREWER, see Pew No. 96, Lower Floor.
Feb. 6, 1811. { CHENERY CLARK, see Pew No. 14, Lower Floor.

—— 1825. WILLIAM BREWER, living in Clinton, Ga., Aug. 28, 1834.

Square Pew No. 11

May 10, 1804. Cost $92.00. JOHN SAWIN, living in 1813, m. Abigail ———. Housewright.

Square Pew No. 12

May 10, 1804. Cost $97.00. SAMUEL WARREN, b. Oct. 16, 1742; d. Nov. 1, 1805. Unmarried. Farmer.

June 16, 1808. SAMUEL MAXFIELD, b. 1767; d. Sept. 19, 1855; m. Mary Bradlee. Trader.

Sept. 2, 1817. NATHANIEL SHEPHERD PRENTISS, see Pew No. 67, Lower Floor.

May 30, 1821. JOHN CHAMPNEY, see square Pew No. 14, in Gallery.

June 2, 1834. SHUBAEL BILLS, b. Jan. 3, 1791; d. May 31, 1850; m. Harriet Colburn. Contractor, pile driver and mover of buildings.

Square Pew No. 13

May 10, 1804. Cost $70.00. Forfeited. Reverted to Parish.

April 21, 1806. Cost $84.00. STEDMAN WILLIAMS, see Pew No. 105, Lower Floor.

Dec. 21, 1806. SAMUEL WAIT, see Pew No. 38, Lower Floor.

Square Pew No. 14

May 10, 1804. Cost $125.00. JOHN CHAMPNEY, b. Feb. 22, 1779; d. March 21, 1847; m. Lydia Howe. Weigher and gauger in the Boston Custom House. Representative.

Jan. 16, 1805. NATHANIEL RICHARDSON, see Pew No. 69, Lower Floor.
—— 1810. EBENEZER GODDARD, see Square Pew No. 21, in Gallery.
June 2, 1834. JOSEPH HARRINGTON, see Pew No. 24, Lower Floor.

Square Pew No. 15

May 10, 1804. Cost $105.00. ISAAC SHAW, see Fourth Meeting House.
May 10, 1804. AARON RUMRILL, see Fourth Meeting House.
May 10, 1804. RICHARD GALLOOP, d. March, 1842; m. Mary Pain. Hairdresser.
Jan. 26, 1813. CHENERY CLARK, see Pew No. 14, Lower Floor.

Square Pew No. 16

May 10, 1804. Cost $111.00. GEORGE SIMMONS, b. 1767, d. Oct. 9, 1810; m. Marcy Wales.
May 14, 1825. MAJOR EBENEZER CRAFTS, see Deacons.

Square Pew No. 17

May 10, 1804. Cost $113.00. AMOS MORSE, b. Nov. 30, 1772; d. Nov. 24, 1823; m. Irene Morse. Soap boiler. He and his brothers, Lewis and Harford, first established a conveyance for passengers from Roxbury to Boston. They also established the Hourlies.
May 10, 1804. LEWIS MORSE, b. July 8, 1778; d. Aug. 2, 1830; m. (1) Olive Richards, (2) Mary Jewell. Soap boiler. A founder of the Universalist Church.
Sept. 5, 1815. HARFORD MORSE, b. Jan. 9, 1788; d. Oct. 28, 1830; m. Lucy Gay. Soap boiler. A founder of the Universalist Church.
July 26, 1819. AMOS MORSE, same as above.
April 10, 1821. AMOS MORSE, JR., b. Aug. 9, 1799; d. April 10, 1851; m. Abigail B. Davenport. Soap boiler.

Square Pew No. 18

May 10, 1804. Cost $111.00. JOHN DOGGETT, b. Sept. 15, 1780; d. June 17, 1857; m. (1) Sophia Miller, (2) Mrs. Mary Jones, (3) Mrs. Ann Eliza (Cushing) Webster. Carver in wood, horn and shell. The first gilder and carver in Roxbury. Founded the Carpet Works in Roxbury Street.

Square Pew No. 19

May 10, 1804. Cost $153.00. JOSEPH HEATH, see Fourth Meeting House.
Dec. 15, 1814. WILLIAM HEATH, JR., see Square Pew No. 25, in Gallery.

Square Pew No. 20

May 10, 1804. Cost $150.00. SIMEON PRATT, see Pew No. 58, Lower Floor.

Square Pew No. 21

May 10, 1804. Cost $153.00. STEPHEN WILLIAMS 3d, reverted to Parish.
April 21, 1806. EBENEZER GODDARD, b. 1752; d. April 8, 1827; m. Vashti Colson. Truckman.
July 13, 1812. TIMOTHY GAY.
July 22, 1830. THOMAS BREWER, see Pew No. 3, Lower Floor.

Square Pew No. 22

May 10, 1804. Cost $151.00. JOHN PARKER, see Pew No. 28, Lower Floor.
Oct. 4, 1813. JOSEPH WILLIAMS, see Pew No. 26, Lower Floor.
Oct. 4, 1813. AMOS ADAMS WILLIAMS, b. May 4, 1776; d. Feb. 2, 1861; m. Nancy Williams. Merchant in Baltimore.
April 11, 1834. SUSAN DORR, w. of Nathaniel Dorr.

Square Pew No. 23

May 10, 1804. Cost $141.00. WILLIAM MCCARTY, see Fourth Meeting House.
Aug. 16, 1806. JOHN SHIRLEY WILLIAMS, see Pew No. 5, Lower Floor.
March 21, 1816. CHARLES DAVIS, see Pew No. 102, Lower Floor.

Square Pew No. 24

May 10, 1804. Cost $142.00. AARON POMEROY, see Pew No. 10, Lower Floor.
April 9, 1817. DANIEL SAUNDERSON, see Pew No. 81, Lower Floor.
March 10, 1830. CHARLES GRANT, b. April 13, 1789; d. June 4, 1859; m. Sarah Richards. In the paper trade.

Square Pew No. 25

May 10, 1804. Cost $135.00. WILLIAM HEATH, JR., see Fourth Meeting House.

Square Pew No. 26

May 10, 1804. Cost $141.00. JOHN LEWIS, b. Nov. 26, 1763; d. Feb. 15, 1844; m. Polly Pillsbury. Farmer.
April 29, 1822. WILLIAM HAZLET, see Pew No. 65, Lower Floor.

Square Pew No. 27

May 10, 1804. Cost $150.00. JESSE STETSON, see Fourth Meeting House.
March 29, 1812. WILLIAM PRATT, see Pew No. 62, Lower Floor.
May 24, 1819. JAMES RILEY, see Pew No. 93, Lower Floor.
April 29, 1823. MARTHA RUGGLES, see Pew No. 18, Lower Floor.

Square Pew No. 28.

May 10, 1804. Cost $142.00. ELIAS DUNBAR.
Sept. 10, 1804. WILLIAM LANGLEY, b. 1782; d. Oct. 9, 1828; m. Alona ———. Marketman.

Square Pew No. 29

May 10, 1804. Cost $100.00. THOMAS CURTIS, reverted to Parish.
April 21, 1806. STEPHEN BRIGHAM, b. Sept. 21, 1779; d. March 9, 1820; m. Lucy White. Merchant.
——. THOMAS WILLIAMS, see Pew No. 32, Lower Floor.
April 23, 1824. DANIEL SAUNDERSON, see Pew No. 81, Lower Floor.
March 10, 1830. ABIJAH MERRIAM, see Pew No. 79, Lower Floor.

Square Pew No. 30

May 10, 1804. Cost $102.00. CALEB CLAP, b. May 9, 1764; d. May 19, 1829; m. Nancy Dorr. Carpenter. Removed to Vermont.
——. JOSEPH RUGGLES, see Pew No. 94, Lower Floor.
Feb. 15, 1813. NATHANIEL RUGGLES, b. March 20, 1789; d. 1832; m. Rebecca Hollingsworth Hughes. Merchant and shipowner. Removed to Henderson, Kentucky.
Aug. 28, 1815. WILLIAM LAMBERT, see Pew No. 97, Lower Floor.
March 26, 1820. NATHANIEL DORR, see Pew No. 97, Lower Floor.
March 26, 1820. WILLIAM BLANCHARD, see Pew No. 97, Lower Floor.
Jan. 1, 1830. SUSANNAH LAMBERT, w. of William Lambert.

Square Pew No. 31

May 10, 1804. Cost $106.00. JOSEPH CURTIS, see Pew No. 21, Lower Floor.
May 10, 1804. SAMUEL WARD, see Pew No. 21, Lower Floor.
May 8, 1806. WILLIAM LANGLEY, see Square Pew No. 28, in Gallery.
April 22, 1818. SAMUEL LANGLEY, see Pew No. 17, Lower Floor.
April 16, 1823. ELIJAH LEWIS, see Pew No. 64, Lower Floor.

July 16, 1833. JOHN JONES CLARKE, b. Feb. 24, 1803; d. Nov. 5, 1887; m. Rebecca Cordiss Haswell. Educated at Norton, Framingham and Andover Academies. H. C. 1823 (Rebellion Class). Received his degrees of A.B. and E.M. in 1841. Mayor of Roxbury. Representative. Counsellor of the Supreme Judicial Court. Treasurer of this Society 1835 to 1856.

Square Pew No. 32.

May 10, 1804. Cost $103.00. ASA HUNTING, see Fourth Meeting House.
April 9, 1806. NEHEMIAH MUNROE, see Deacons.
Dec. 29, 1828. JOHN LEMIST, see Pew No. 29, Lower Floor.
March 12, 1835. CHARLES GRANT, see square Pew No. 24, in Gallery.

Square Pew No. 33

May 10, 1804. Cost $110.00. THOMAS TROTT ROBINSON, b. Aug. 22, 1762; d. Oct. 24, 1824; m. Polly Holbrook. Cotton merchant.
April 21, 1817. JOHN CLAP, see Deacons.

Square Pew No. 34

May 10, 1804. Cost $111.00. STEPHEN WILLIAMS, JR., see Pew No. 104, Lower Floor.
March 6, 1815. THOMAS WILLIAMS, JR., see Pew No. 32, Lower Floor.
July 1, 1816. JOHN LOWELL, see Pew No. 101, Lower Floor.

Square Pew No. 35

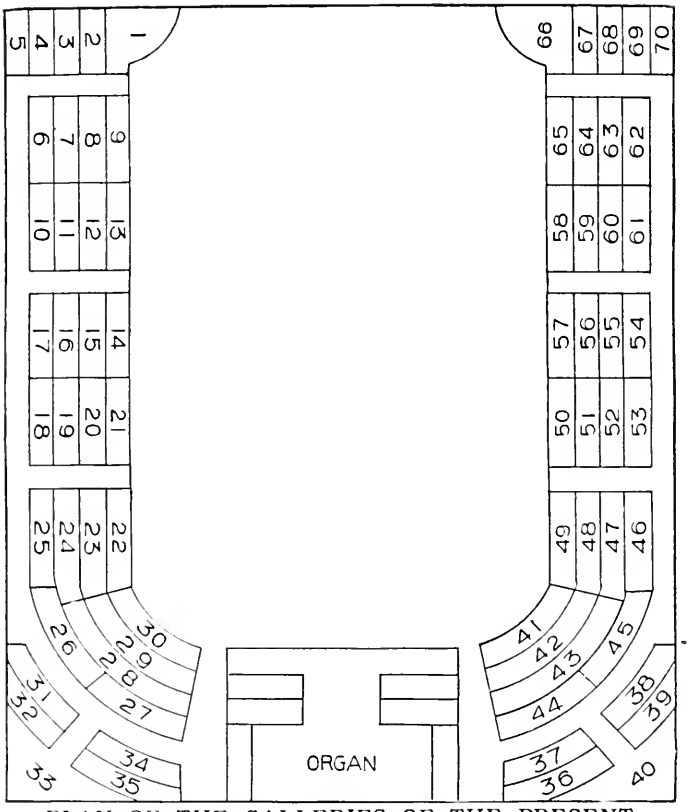
May 10, 1804. Cost $119.00. SAMUEL WHITTEMORE; reverted to Parish.
Apr. 21, 1806. DR. JOHN BARTLETT, see Pew No. 31, Lower Floor.
Jan. 17, 1810. JACOB ALLEN, see Pew No. 14, Lower Floor.

Square Pew No. 36

May 10, 1804. Cost $150.00. BENJAMIN WAIT, b. —— 1775; d. May 17, 1817; m. Clarissa ———. Grocer.
Afterwards a free pew.

Square Pew No. 37

May 10, 1804. Cost $125.00. AARON CHILD, see Fourth Meeting House.
May 9, 1825. JONATHAN DORR, see Pew No. 84, Lower Floor.
June 13, 1834. JAMES HOWE CHAMPNEY, see Square Pew No. 3, in Gallery.
Oct. 13, 1834. DANIEL ANDREW SIGOURNEY, see Pew No. 38, Lower Floor.



PLAN OF THE GALLERIES OF THE PRESENT MEETING HOUSE.

Square Pew No. 38

May 10, 1804. Cost $150.00. DANIEL MCCARTY PRINCE, bap. Jan. 30, 1780; d. March 23, 1806; m. Nancy Thayer. Mariner.

Nov. 12, 1805. JOHN HOWE, b. June 3, 1779; d. March 26, 1828; m. Henrietta Sparhawk. Teacher of the Grammar School (now Roxbury Latin School) Worshipful Master of Washington Lodge F. & A. M. and delivered an address in this meeting house occasioned by the death of Aaron Bean, Esq., in the presence and at the request of St. Paul's Royal Arch Chapter, April 18, 1820.

Apr. 4, 1806. THOMAS WILLIAMS, see Pew No. 32, Lower Floor.

April 23, 1824. DANIEL SAUNDERSON, see Pew No. 81, Lower Floor.

March 10, 1830. ISAAC DAVIS, see Pew No. 8, Lower Floor.

In April, 1835, the galleries were altered from square pews to long pews including much of the space occupied by the singers' seats.

Long Pew No. 1

Apr. 22, 1835. THOMAS SIMMONS, see Pew No. 17, Lower Floor.

May 17, 1837. GEORGE ARTHUR SIMMONS, see Long Pew No. 2, in Gallery.

Feb. 3, 1887. GEORGE ALLEN DARY, see Long Pew No. 64, in Gallery.

Long Pew No. 2

April 22, 1835. THOMAS SIMMONS, see Pew No. 17, Lower Floor.

May 17, 1837. GEORGE ARTHUR SIMMONS, b. May 17, 1808; d. Feb. 26, 1884; m. Belinda Wells. Merchant on Long Wharf, keeping the same place for 53 years. First to reduce the refining of whale and sperm oil to a science. Afterwards interested in real estate. Never sought public office.

Oct. 28, 1854. JOSEPH WARREN HUNNEWELL, b. Jan. —, 1818; d. April, 1873; m. Emeline Aquila Sargent. Dealer in paints and oils.

Aug. 18, 1864. HANNAH MARIA PARSONS, w. of Thomas W. Parsons.

March 28, 1865. GEORGE A. HULL, living.

Long Pew No. 3

Apr. 22, 1835. EPHRAIM HARRINGTON, see Square Pew No. 8, in Gallery.

April 15, 1852. JAMES DAVENPORT, see Long Pew No. 19, in Gallery.

March 27, 1873. DR. JAMES HENRY DAVENPORT, b. Aprll 18, 1846; d. Dec. 26, 1878; m. Elizabeth Wyman Bacon. Physician. H. C. 1868. M.D. 1871.

Dec. 10, 1879. SARAH ADAMS DAVENPORT, w. of James Davenport.

Long Pew No. 4

April 22, 1835. Watson Gore, see Pew No. 34, Lower Floor.

Sept. 9, 1845. David R. Nash, m. Caroline M. Fox. connected with Bay State Brewery.

Oct. 14, 1847. George William Wheelwright, b. Sept. 19, 1813; d. Dec. 16, 1879; m. Hannah Giddings Tyler. First in the dry goods business afterwards in the paper business. Founder of the firm of George W. Wheelwright & Son. Large Mills run by the firm in several towns.

Oct. 28, 1863. Charles Mayo Ellis, see Pew No. 18, Lower Floor.

March 16, 1864. Mrs. Cushing Stetson, w. of Cushing Stetson.

Oct. 8, 1864. Mary Adeline Berry, w. of Augustus D. Berry.

Long Pew No. 5

April 22, 1835. Thomas Simmons, see Pew No. 17, Lower Floor.

May 17, 1837. George Arthur Simmons, see Long Pew No. 2, in Gallery.

March 6, 1840. Henry Bartlett, see Pew No. 80, Lower Floor.

May 30, 1845. John Adam Weisse, b. Dec. 3, 1810; d. Jan. 12, 1888; m. Jane Lee Hunt. Grad. College in Bitsch, Lorraine, also in Metz. Prof. of French in Vienna. He conducted a private school on Hawthorne St., Roxbury, afterwards settled in New York.

Feb. 23, 1846. Oliver A. Farwell, of Roxbury. Commission merchant. Connected with Bay State Brewery.

July 17, 1849. Charles Frederick Sleeper, living.

Aug. 12, 1857. John Sherburne Sleeper, b. Sept. 25, 1794; d. Nov. 14, 1878; m. Mary Folsom Noble. Educated at Phillips (Exeter, N. H.) Academy. From 1809 to 1830 followed the sea. Established "The Exeter News Letter." Afterwards purchased "The Lowell Daily Journal." In 1834 removed to Boston. For 20 years sole editor and part proprietor of "The Boston Mercantile Journal," now "The Boston Journal." Mayor of Roxbury. Member of the Constitutional Convention in 1853. Representative.

Jan. 5, 1872. Julia Ann C. Gray, dau. of Alfred T. Gray.

Long Pew No. 6

July 11, 1835. Joseph Harrington, Jr., b. Feb. 21, 1813; d. Nov. 2, 1852; m. Helen E. Griswold. H. C. 1833. Taught in Academy in East Greenwich, R. I. Master of the Hawes School in South Boston, meanwhile studying for the ministry with Rev. George Putnam. Ordained as an evangelist in 1840 and became pastor of a church in

Chicago, afterwards in Hartford, Conn., and then in San Francisco, where after preaching seven Sundays, he died. He freed all of these societies from debt.

Dec. 1, 1847. JOSIAH FISK, b. Aug. 17, 1810; d. May 19, 1869; m. Helen Maria Bridge. Merchant.

Dec. 1, 1849. GEORGE BURRILL FAUNCE, b. Aug. 11, 1824; d. Feb. 24, 1899; m. Abbie J. Trenn. Real estate agent. President of the Dedham Mut. Fire Ins. Co. Member of the Roxbury Common Council and of the Boston Board of Aldermen.

July 25, 1851. GEORGE ARTHUR SIMMONS, see Long Pew No. 2, in Gallery.

Feb 2, 1867. HELEN E. HARRINGTON, w. of Joseph Harrington, Jr.

Sept. 16, 1868. WILLIAM TURELL ANDREWS, b. Dec. 24, 1794; d. Nov. 24, 1879; m. Fanny Mackay Reynolds. Director and President City Bank 43 years. Director Mass. Mut. Ins. Co., 27 years. Director Manufacturer's Insurance Co., 30 years. Trustee and Vice-Pres. Provident Institution 31 years. Trustee of Boston Public Library over 50 years. Trustee Mass. General Hospital. Trustee McLean Asylum. Trustee Westborough Reform School. Trustee Old Ladies' Home. Trustee of the Boston Athenæum. Overseer of House of Correction. Member of Boston Board of Aldermen. Member of Mass. Charitable Society 41 years, its President 5 years. Treas. of Harvard College, 1853–1857.

Long Pew No. 7

April 22, 1835. JESSE PUTNAM RICHARDSON, b. 1794; d. May 29, 1840; m. Susan Cabot.

May 19, 1841. AUGUSTUS PERRIN, b. Aug. 6, 1788; d. Aug. 8, 1844; m. Harriet Child. First importer of palm leaf into the United States. He established the business of braiding palm leaf hats.

April 1, 1845. WILLIAM STICKNEY. Dealer in domestic produce with Charles F. Joy.

June 13, 1849. JOHN HUNT, see Deacons.

March 26, 1856. JAMES O. SARGENT, b. Nov. 21, 1823; d. Jan. 8, 1897. Unmarried. Lawyer.

Long Pew No. 8

April 22, 1835. EPHRAIM HARRINGTON, see Square Pew No. 8, in Gallery.

Sept. 9, 1839. LINCOLN FEARING, b. July 22, 1792; d. May 10, 1873; m. Harriet A. Williams. Farmer. Agent Roxbury Color and Chemical Co.

Long Pew No. 9

April 22, 1835. DAVID ALLEN SIMMONS, see Pew No. 33, Lower Floor.
May 16, 1835. EPHRAIM HARRINGTON, see Square Pew No. 8, in Gallery.
June 28, 1884. SETH AUGUSTUS FOWLE, living.

Long Pew No. 10

Jan. 1, 1844. SOPHIA S. HARRINGTON, dau. of Joseph Harrington.
July 10, 1851. JOSEPH DORR, see Pew No. 107, Lower Floor.

Long Pew No. 11

April 22, 1835. BENJAMIN FRANKLIN COPELAND, see Pew No. 27, Lower Floor.
May 17, 1837. GEORGE ARTHUR SIMMONS, see Long Pew No. 2, in Gallery.
Jan. 29, 1842. REV. CHARLES BRIGGS, b. Jan. 17, 1791; d. Dec. 18, 1873; m. Eliza Casey. H. C. 1815. Ordained April 28, 1819. A pastor for 16 years. Secretary of the American Unitarian Association.
May 21, 1883. EDMUND HERSEY STOWELL, b. May 10, 1824; d. Nov. 6, 1896; m. Susan Lawn. Importer of cloths, afterwards a leather dealer.

Long Pew No. 12

April 22, 1835. BENJAMIN FRANKLIN COPELAND, see Pew No. 27, Lower Floor.
Oct. 10, 1835. RICHARD WARD, b. Nov. 17, 1789; d. March 13, 1862; m. Lucy Tidd. Member of the Standing Committee. Cashier of the Atlantic Bank. Alderman. One of three who selected the site for Forest Hills Cemetery.
Oct. 30, 1840. SAMUEL FRANCIS TRAIN, b. Sept. —, 1818; d. Nov. 1, 1863; m. Frances Gore Glover. Hide and leather dealer. Chief of the Roxbury Fire Department. In the Navy at time of death.
Jan. 1, 1844. THOMAS TILDEN, b. June 18, 1775; d. May 12, 1858; m. (1) Frances Burns Fulton, (2) Mrs. Hannah B. Patterson. Mason.
March 9, 1866. HANNAH TILDEN BARTLETT, dau. of Hosea Bartlett.

Long Pew No. 13

May 16, 1835. WILLIAM BRADLEY DORR, see Pew No. 94, Lower Floor.
Sept. 14, 1835. SARAH HICKLING, w. of William Hickling.
May 3, 1836. RICHARD WARD, see Long Pew No. 12, in Gallery.

Aug. 5, 1870. Franklin Greene, see Pew No. 5, Lower Floor.
Oct. 3, 1870. Matthias Denman Ross, b. Nov. 1, 1819; d. Sept. 14, 1892; m. (1) Mary Swift Waldo, (2) Caroline E. Archer. Merchant.
Aug. 21, 1874. Edward Belcher Reynolds, see Deacons.

Long Pew No. 14

April 22, 1835. James Lewis, see Square Pew No. 4, in Gallery.
May 3, 1851. Josiah Wheelwright, b. June 26, 1824; d. April 11, 1894; m. Lucinda Orne Chapin. Merchant.
March 26, 1858. Susan C. Wheelwright, w. of William Wheelwright.
Jan. 3, 1871. Leonard Ware, Jr., living.

Long Pew No. 15

April 22, 1835. Scotto Clark, b. Sept. 2, 1782; d. Oct. 12, 1844; m. Sally M. Freeman. Merchant.
Sept. 10, 1838. Sarah Hickling, w. of William Hickling.
Jan. 9, 1846. Charles Hickling, see Square Pew No. 3, in Gallery.

Long Pew No. 16

April 22, 1835. Eleazer Giles Lemon, b. Jan. 13, 1801; d. July 15, 1845. Unmarried. Apothecary. Postmaster of Roxbury.
March 15, 1845. George Baxter Hyde, b. March 20, 1811; d. July 8, 1889; m. Mary Whitten Clap. A public school teacher. Member of the Boston School Committee.
April 28, 1845. Edward Carrington Bates, b. Jan. 11, 1811; d. Dec. 26, 1872; m. Mary Caroline Cook. Merchant. President of Nat. Bank of Commerce. Agent of Cunard Steamers.
June 16, 1859. Charles Frederick Bradford, see Pew No. 104, Lower Floor.
Feb. 16, 1880. Charles A. Grinnell, see Long Pew No. 17, in Gallery.

Long Pew No. 17

April 22, 1835. Amos Morse, Jr., see Square Pew No. 17, in Gallery.
Jan. 31, 1843. Charles Knapp Dillaway, see Deacons.
Dec. 16, 1846. Joseph Harrington, see Pew No. 24, Lower Floor.
Jan. 25, 1853. Susan C. Wheelwright, w. of William Wheelwright.
April 24, 1857. George Lewis, b. May 25, 1820; d. Oct. 8, 1887; m. Susan Minns Wheelwright. Member of Common Council of Roxbury. Alderman. Mayor of Roxbury. Member Boston Water Board.

Treasurer of Forest Hills Cemetery Corporation. Treasurer Granite Railway Co. Director of People's Nat. Bank. Director of Roxbury Gas Light Co.

Feb. 24, 1858. SAMUEL PARKMAN BLAKE, see Long Pew No. 45, in Gallery.

Oct. 3, 1874. CHARLES ANDREWS GRINNELL, b. Dec. 4, 1816; d. April 22, 1895; m. Anna Almy Cobb. Manufacturer of boots and shoes. Director of the Nat. Bank of Redemption. President of the New England Shoe and Leather Association.

Long Pew No. 18

April 22, 1835. EBENEZER CRAFTS, see Deacons.

May, 1835. JONATHAN PRATT ROBINSON, see square Pew No. 7, in Gallery.

July 9, 1844. ELIZA RIGART HARRINGTON, dau. of Joseph Harrington.

Nov. 6, 1851. JAMES CUNNINGHAM, b. April 27, 1801; d. Aug. 12, 1872; m. Catharine Hays Howard. Merchant.

Oct. 28, 1852. WILLIAM DWIGHT, b. April 15, 1805; d. Sept. 20, 1880; m. Elizabeth Amelia White. Merchant. Treasurer of the Pepperell Manufacturing Co.

Dec. 31, 1866. HENRY FAULKNER, b. Sept. 19, 1839; d. Jan 12, 1868; m. Victoria G. Wheat. Wool Merchant.

Oct. 9, 1868. MARIA D. LOCKWOOD, w. of Commodore Samuel Lockwood.

——, 1899. THOMAS S. LOCKWOOD, living.

Long Pew No. 19

July 11, 1835. JOSEPH HARRINGTON, JR., see Long Pew No. 6, in Gallery.

July 3, 1846. JAMES DAVENPORT, b. June 22, 1817; d. Nov. 7, 1872; m. Sarah Adams Wiswell. An ornamental car and carriage painter.

Oct. 18, 1851. JONATHAN BIGELOW, b. Jan. 1, 1825; d. May 11, 1907; m. Sarah Brooks. Dealer in boots, shoes and rubbers. Representative.

May 17, 1854. LEONARD CROCKER BOWLES, see Pew No. 78, Lower Floor.

Dec. 8, 1854. WILLIAM CROSBY, see Long Pew No. 42, in Gallery.

June 9, 1855. SAMUEL T. CROSBY, see Long Pew No. 70, in Gallery.

June 16, 1862. BENJAMIN LINCOLN, b. July 21, 1816; d. July 21, 1884. Unmarried. Clerk.

Oct. 26, 1868. MARY ANN SMITH EASTON, dau. of Isaac Easton.

Nov. 19, 1872. HENRY PELEG COFFIN, b. Aug. 7, 1839, d. Feb. 11, 1894; m. Mary Greenwood Barrett. Real estate and insurance. Member of the Cadets.

April 23, 1883. HIRAM WHITTINGTON, b. Nov. 5, 1843; d. Jan. 31, 1905; m. Alice Parker Streeter. Wholesale hardware dealer. Trustee of estates.

Long Pew No. 20

April 9, 1838. JONATHAN PRATT ROBINSON, see Square Pew No. 7, in Gallery.

Nov. 27, 1844. HENRY WELD FULLER, b. Jan. 16, 1810; d. Aug. 16, 1889; m. Mary Storer Goddard. Lawyer. Clerk of Circuit Court. Founder and treasurer of Woodlawn Cemetery, Everett, Mass.

Nov. 6, 1882. HENRY ALPHONSO MORSE, b. March 27, 1832; d. June 21, 1900; m. Joan D. Follansby. Wholesale coal merchant.

Long Pew No. 21

April 22, 1835. JONATHAN PRATT ROBINSON, see Square Pew No. 7, in Gallery.

March 3, 1847. CHARLES TILDEN APPLETON, b. Jan. 11, 1809; d. March 11, 1859; m. (1) Catharine Lawrence, (2) Mary Grave Barker. Merchant. Treasurer of Lowell Bleachery and Clinton Mills.

Nov. 6, 1882. HENRY WELD FULLER, see Long Pew No. 20, in Gallery.

Long Pew No. 22

April 22, 1835. SAMUEL LANGLEY, see Pew No. 17, Lower Floor.

May 15, 1845. EDWARD WYMAN, b. Aug. 1, 1818; d. Oct. 26, 1899; m. (1) Margaret Curry Boyd, (2) Caroline King Hooper. Merchant. Captain of Roxbury Reserve Guard. Commander of the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Co. Chief of Staff of Governor Gaston.

Sept. 7, 1869. SARAH B. LEWIS, a well-known school teacher of Roxbury.

May 3, 1897. ALFRED BUNKER, living.

Long Pew No. 23

April 22, 1835. JOSEPH HARRINGTON, see Pew No. 24, Lower Floor.

Jan. 31, 1843. CHARLES KNAPP DILLAWAY, see Deacons.

Dec. 16, 1846. JOSEPH HARRINGTON, see Pew No. 24, Lower Floor.

March 3, 1853. FRANCIS GARDNER, b. Nov. 6, 1809; d. Dec. 22, 1881; m. Lydia Nowell Browne. Wholesale hardware merchant. Alderman. Member Boston Common Council.

April 29, 1874. LYDIA NOWELL GARDNER, w. of James Gardner.

Long Pew No. 24

April 22, 1835. STEDMAN WILLIAMS, see Pew No. 105, Lower Floor.

Jan. 6, 1851. ALFRED TUPPER GRAY, b. Dec. 11, 1797; d. March 17, 1867; m. Mary Woodward Gray. Bookkeeper.

Jan. 3, 1872. Samuel Frothingham, b. July 17, 1815; d. Dec. 25, 1872; m. Maria Louisa Whitridge. Dry goods merchant. A director of the Suffolk National Bank.

April 29, 1876. Maria Louisa Frothingham, w. of Samuel Frothingham.

Dec. 23, 1883. Joseph B. Bryant, living.

Dec. 24, 1884. George Burrill Faunce, see Long Pew No. 6, in Gallery.

Long Pew No. 25

April 22, 1835. Shubael Bills, see square Pew No. 12, in Gallery.

Dec. 6, 1847. Lewis Slack, b. March 11, 1804; d. Jan. —, 1883; m. (1) Pedy Dudley, (2) Mary Reed Flower. Produce dealer. Justice of the Peace. Member of Roxbury Fire Department.

Jan. 17, 1856. William Crosby, see Long Pew No 42, in Gallery.

Long Pew No. 26

April 22, 1835. John Sawin, see Square Pew No. 11, in Gallery.

July 10, 1857. Horatio Gilbert, b. Aug. 15, 1807; d. April 30, 1883; m. Cordelia E. Perry. Dealer in iron and steel springs and axles.

Long Pew No. 27

April 22, 1835. Joseph Harrington, see Pew No. 24, Lower Floor.

Aug. 25, 1857. William Sherman Leland, b. Oct. 12, 1824; d. July 26, 1869; m. Sarah Elizabeth Hallett. Educated in the public schools of Roxbury. Studied law in his father's office. Succeeded his father as Judge of Probate of Norfolk County. Received honorary degree of Master of Arts from Harvard College. Director of the People's Bank. One of the founders of the Eliot Five Cent Savings Bank, and its President. Member of the City Government of Roxbury.

Sept. 27, 1859. Nathan Carruth Cary, see Long Pew No. 68 in the Gallery.

Long Pew No. 28

April 22, 1835. William Butters, b. Nov. 1, 1786; d. Oct. 11, 1866; m. (1) Sophia Charlotte Green, (2) Eloisa Moureau Cormerals; (3) Rebecca Fletcher White Cram. Lawyer.

May 5, 1836. Jacob Marshall, m. Mary Gay.

Aug. 10, 1841. Lydia Faxon.

Aug. 23, 1853. Mary Faxon.

Dec. 24, 1888. Dependence Sturtevant Waterman, living.

Long Pew No. 29

April 22, 1835. CHENERY CLARKE, see Pew No. 14, Lower Floor.
Aug. 12, 1857. REBECCA HARRINGTON, w. of Joseph Harrington.
Apr. 24, 1865. DAVID MILLER HODGDON, b. March 22, 1829; d. May 17, 1894; m. Henrietta Young. Merchant. Member of the Standing Committee.
Dec. 16, 1898. DEPENDENCE STURTEVANT WATERMAN, see Long Pew No. 28, in Gallery.

Long Pew No. 30

April 22, 1835. JONATHAN A. RICHARDS, see Deacons.
May 16, 1842. WILLIAM WHITING, see Pew No. 84, Lower Floor.
Feb. 15, 1878. LYDIA CUSHING (RUSSELL) WHITING, w. of William Whiting.
May 21, 1882. ROSE S. WHITING, dau. of William Whiting.
Nov. 12, 1887. MRS. HANNAH JONES.

Long Pew No. 31

Nov. 16, 1857. GEORGE B. FOSTER, b. Feb. 10, 1810; d. June 22, 1881; m. Catherine E. Duncan. Silversmith and jeweller.

Long Pew No. 32

Nov. 12, 1867. MARIA D. LOCKWOOD, w. of Commodore Samuel Lockwood.
Feb. 12, 1869. FRANCIS BAKER, JR., b. Jan. 26, 1824; d. Dec. 19, 1877. m. Lydia May Vose. Wholesale salt dealer.
Dec. 7, 1872. EDWARD BELCHER REYNOLDS, see Deacons.
May 19, 1886. CHARLOTTE G. COFFIN, dau. of Peter Coffin, of Portsmouth, N. H.

Long Pew No. 33

April 22, 1835. JOSEPH HARRINGTON, see Pew No. 24, Lower Floor.
Jan. 31, 1843. CHARLES KNAPP DILLAWAY, see Deacons.
May 10, 1864. FREDERICK HALL BRADLEE, b. Sept. 18, 1807; d. Sept. 6, 1888; m. Lucretia Wainwright. H. C. 1827. Merchant. Director of Old Boston National Bank.
Feb. 27, 1890. MRS. LUCY B. STONE, dau. of Frederick Hall Bradlee.

Long Pew No. 34

April 8, 1867. MRS. ANN F. HOLMES.
March 3, 1879. JAMES WARREN HAYWARD, living.

Long Pew No. 35

July 16, 1867. JAMES RITCHIE, see Pew No. 65, Lower Floor.

Long Pew No. 36

Free Pew.

Long Pew No. 37

Jan. 13, 1868. PICKERING ATWELL, b. May —, 1812; d. Jan. 31, 1866; m. Adeline Prentice. Merchant tailor.

Long Pew No. 38

Jan. 28, 1866. WILLIAM R. HOUSTON, b. 1816; d. Oct. 13, 1881; m. Susan E. Lee. Carpenter and builder. Alderman. Director in the Roxbury Mechanics Institute.

Feb. 4, 1868. Erastus Sampson, b. Aug. 28, 1808; d. May 17, 1885; m. Elizabeth Winsor. Shipmaster, subsequently agent of Boston and Baltimore Steamship Line.

Long Pew No. 39

Free Pew.

Long Pew No. 40

Free Pew.

Long Pew No. 41

June 24, 1845. JOHN JONES CLARKE, see Square Pew No. 31, in the Gallery.

Jan. 20, 1880. EDWARD BELCHER REYNOLDS, see Deacons.

Oct. 1, 1903. MATTHEW BINNEY, living.

Long Pew No. 42

April 22, 1835. DANIEL ANDREW SIGOURNEY, see Pew No. 38, Lower Floor.

Nov. 19, 1838. CHARLES JEFFERSON HENDEE, see Long Pew No. 61, in the Gallery.

June 3, 1844. CHARLES INCHES, b. March —, 1808; d. Jan. 22, 1888; m. Harriet Auchmuty Howard Boit. Broker.

April 12, 1845. LEONARD C. BOWLES, see Pew No. 78, Lower Floor.

Oct. 7, 1845. WILLIAM CROSBY, b. Oct. 27, 1818; d. Sept. 9, 1907; m. Mary Elizabeth Bowles. Member of the firm of Crosby and Nichols, booksellers, and of Crosby, Lee and Co., booksellers. Superintendent of the Children's Mission for 20 years. Member of the Standing Committee, Clerk and Treasurer of this Society.

Dec. —, 1853. CHARLES HENRY WARREN, b. Sept. 29, 1798; d. June —, 1874; m. Abby Burr Hedge. H. C. 1817. Lawyer. Judge of Court of Common Pleas in New Bedford. President of Boston and Providence R. R. Senator and President of the Senate.

April 13, 1871. JOSHUA HUNTINGTON WOLCOTT, b. Aug. 29, 1804; d. Jan. 4, 1891; m. (1) Cornelia Frothingham, (2) Harriet Frothingham. Educated in Litchfield, Conn. Member of the firm of A. and A. Lawrence and Co., dry goods merchants. Member of the Society of the Cincinnati. Treasurer of the Sanitary Commission. Father of Governor Roger Wolcott.

Oct. 12, 1880. HENRY A. S. D. DUDLEY, see Long Pew No. 54, in Gallery.

Jan. 27, 1883. JOSEPHINE MACKAY HICKS, dau. of William Howland Hicks.

Long Pew No. 43

Sept. 3, 1839. CHARLES FORD, m. Lois ———. Farmer. Removed to Dover.

Jan. 25, 1845. EBENEZER PRATT, see Pew No. 90, Lower Floor.

Long Pew No. 44

Aug. 1835. ABIJAH MERRIAM, see Pew No. 79, Lower Floor.

May 12, 1845. GEORGE PACKER, b. Oct. 9, 1801; d. June 19, 1889; m. Catherine French Bowen. Morocco manufacturer. One of the first stockholders of the Rockland National Bank.

Jan. 29, 1856. ROLAND WORTHINGTON, b. Sept. 22, 1817; d. March 20, 1898; m. Abby Bartlett Adams. Proprietor of the Boston Traveler. Alderman. Collector of the Port of Boston.

Dec. 19, 1857. FRANCES CORDIS CLARKE, w. of Manlius Stimson Clarke.

Dec. 21, 1872. AARON DAVIS WILLIAMS, see Long Pew No. 45, in Gallery.

May 28, 1883. FRANCES CORDIS CLARKE, w. of Manlius Stimson Clarke.

Long Pew No. 45

June 13, 1837. NATHANIEL DORR, see Pew No. 97, Lower Floor.

Aug. 7, 1845. SAMUEL PARKMAN BLAKE, b. Jan. 30, 1804; d. Dec. 26, 1889; m. Ann Boylston Cunningham. H. C. 1823 (Rebellion Class). Received his degrees of A.B. and A.M. in 1841. Merchant.

Jan. 1, 1850. Caleb Loring Cunningham, b. Nov. 22, 1821; d. Aug. 11, 1863; m. Clementina Trufant. Merchant.

April 12, 1854. Augustus Daniel Berry, b. June 14, 1810; d. Feb. 16, 1864; m. Mary Adeline Farnham. Wholesale dry goods merchant.

July 13, 1860. Aaron Davis Williams, b. Sept. 11, 1821; d. Dec. 21, 1899; m. Susan B. Farnham. Merchant. President of the Boston Lead Co. Director of the Rockland Nat. Bank. Trustee of the Instu. for Savings in Roxbury. Councillor of Mass. Horticultural Society. Member of the Roxbury Common Council. Honorary member of the Roxbury Horse Guards.

Dec. 23, 1872. William Howland Hicks, see Long Pew No. 70, in Gallery.

Nov. 13, 1882. Josephine M. Hicks, dau. of William Howland Hicks.

Long Pew No. 46

April 22, 1835. John Jones Clarke, see Square Pew No. 31, in Gallery.

June 28, 1841. Hiram Withington, b. July 29, 1818.

May 17, 1842. William Blanchard, Jr., b. July 3, 1817; d. June 2, 1887; m. Mary Elizabeth Seaver. Manufacturer. Member of Boston Common Council. Representative. Member of Standing Committee.

April 16, 1845. Mrs. Lucia G. Wells.

Feb. 21, 1851. Lyman Hollingsworth, see Pew No. 92, Lower Floor.

Long Pew No. 47

April 22, 1835. John Clap, see Deacons.

Aug. 19, 1841. Alpheus M. Withington, see Pew No. 49, Lower Floor.

Oct. 9, 1841. Susan M. Withington.

March 2, 1844. William Blanchard, Jr., see Long Pew No. 46, in Gallery.

April 11, 1845. Charles Tyler Savage, b. March 15, 1797; d. Nov. 5, 1879; m. Anna Lewis Thacher. A retired sea captain. Succeeded his father in 1822 as member of the Society of the Cincinnati.

Jan. 1, 1850. Samuel Parkman Blake, see Long Pew No. 45, in Gallery.

Sept. 15, 1853. Catherine Merriam, dau. of Abijah Merriam.

Jan. 14, 1859. Robert Hale, b. Oct. 1, 1815; d. June 28, 1888; m. Ann G. Ward. Supt. of several Railroads. Alderman. One of the original members of the Unitarian Church in Minneapolis.

April 26, 1862. Nancy Gay, w. of George Gay.

Feb. 4, 1871. Martha Gay, dau. of George Gay.

Nov. 10, 1888. Benjamin Gilbert Gay, b. Jan. 8, 1833; d. Oct. 5, 1892; unmarried. Assistant Treasurer of the Calumet and Hecla Mining Co.

Dec. 29, 1892. Mrs. Nettie (Gay) Hurlbert, living.

Long Pew No. 48

Sept. 26, 1842. JOHN AMORY LOWELL, see Pew No. 101, Lower Floor.
Aug. 31, 1852. JAMES CUNNINGHAM, see Long Pew No. 18, in Gallery.
Feb. 6, 1890. HEPSIE SWAN HOWARD, niece of Mrs. James Cunningham.

Long Pew No. 49

April 22, 1835. JOSEPH SMITH.
Nov. 22, 1842. SARAH ELIZABETH MILES, w. of Solomon Pearson Miles.
Apr. 8, 1859. WILLIAM SHERMAN LELAND, see Long Pew No. 27, in Gallery.

Long Pew No. 50

April 22, 1835. CHARLES DAVIS, see Pew No. 102, Lower Floor.
June 13, 1839. EDWARD WILLIAMS ADAMS, see Long Pew No. 52, in Gallery.
Jan. 15, 1842. MARY ADAMS, w. of James Adams.
Jan. 30, 1846. JOHN AUGUSTUS DODD, b. Aug. 16, 1811; d. July 31, 1890. m. (1) Mary Perrin Adams, (2) Theoda Hunnewell Adams, (3) Sarah Whittemore. Merchant.
Sept. 15, 1856. ROLAND WORTHINGTON, see Long Pew No. 44, in Gallery.

Long Pew No. 51

April 22, 1835. GEORGE AUGUSTUS ELIOT, b. May 6, 1806; d. June 15, 1838; m. Cordelia Howe. Hardware dealer.
Nov. 30, 1840. JOHN FLEET ELIOT, b. Jan. 17, 1800; d. Aug. 30, 1881. Druggist.
Aug. 20, 1845. ENOCH TRAIN of Boston, b. May 2, 1801; d. Sept. 6, 1868; m. Almira C. Cheever. Merchant. Connected with a Liverpool line of packets. Member of Governor John Davis' staff. Director of Tremont Bank.
Aug. 23, 1847. MISS JANE I. WILLARD.
Oct. 30, 1867. WILLIAM GOODWIN RUSSELL, of Boston, b. Nov. 18, 1821; d. Feb. 6, 1896; m. Mary Ellen Hedge. H. C. 1840. Lawyer, and a Leader of the Bar. Overseer of Harvard College.
April 1, 1882. SAMUEL G. DAVIS, living
Jan. 27, 1897. EDWARD P. SHERBURNE, living.

Long Pew No. 52

April 22, 1835. JAMES ADAMS, JR., bap. Feb. 21, 1813.
Sept. 15, 1838. EDWARD WILLIAMS ADAMS, b. Nov. 22, 1814; d. Jan. 23, 1842. Unmarried. Merchant.
June 6, 1839. JOEL RICHARDS, d. 1847; m. Eliza ———. Merchant.

Sept. 5, 1842. Amos Atkinson, b. May 11, 1792; d. June 26, 1864; m. Anna Greenleaf Sawyer. Merchant.

Nov. 6, 1845. Henry Winsor, b. Dec. 31, 1804; d. Oct. 28, 1889; m. Mary Ann Davis. Merchant and steamship owner.

July 1, 1847. Isaac Parker, b. Dec. 21, 1778; d. Sept. 7, 1859; m. Betsey Wendell Townsend. Commission merchant.

Long Pew No. 53

April 22, 1835. Jacob Allen, see Pew No. 14, Lower Floor.

June 18, 1844. Aaron E. Whittemore, b. 1808; d. Nov. 19, 1852. Blacksmith.

April 22, 1848. Almon Danforth Hodges, b. Jan. 25, 1801; d. Sept. 27, 1878; m. (1) Martha Comstock, (2) Mrs. Jane H. Leonard. Merchant. Member of the General Assembly of Rhode Island. President of the Washington Bank. One of the organizers of the Boston Clearing House and Treasurer of the Association of Banks for the suppression of counterfeiting. Commander of the Roxbury Horse Guards.

Nov. 16, 1880. Frederick S. Hodges.

Long Pew No. 54

April 13, 1835. Benjamin Wait, see Square Pew No. 36, in Gallery.

Jan. 2, 1854. Pedy Dudley, w. of Col. Joseph Dudley.

June 6, 1863. Henry Alexander Scammell Dearborn Dudley, b. Aug. 13, 1821; d. July 7, 1885. Unmarried. Member of the Standing Committee.

Sept. 7, 1885. George A. Slack, living.

April 12, 1886. Sarah Elizabeth Rumrill, living.

Long Pew No. 55

April 26, 1835. Charles Blanchard, b. June 30, 1790; d. Sept. 28, 1863; m. Ann Isabel Blanchard. Merchant. Member of Boston Light Infantry in 1814.

April 6, 1854. Henry Fullerton Cragin, b. Feb. 9, 1829; d. Nov. 28, 1865; m. Abigail Roe Dalton Blanchard. Cotton Commission Merchant.

April 24, 1854. Ann Isabel Blanchard, w. of Charles Blanchard.

May 18, 1864. Charles Jarvis Danforth, b. Aug. 11, 1825; d. May 17, 1877; m. Sarah Elizabeth Robbins. Dry Goods Merchant. Member of the Music Committee. A prominent member of the Masonic fraternity.

March 26, 1890. Samuel Everett Tinkham, living.

Long Pew No. 56

April 26, 1835. CHARLES GRANT. See Square Pew No. 24, in Gallery.

Dec. 21, 1844. CHARLES EDWARD GRANT, b. Aug. 26, 1814; d. Oct. 1, 1903; m. Eliza Ann Hales Bacon. Succeeded his father in the paper business. Alderman of Roxbury. Representative. One of the Assessors of Boston. Member of Mass. Horticultural Society. Clerk of the Mount Pleasant (Unitarian) church.

April 3, 1852. JAMES TOLMAN, b. Nov. 17, 1811; d. Dec. 16, 1868; m. Elizabeth Metcalf Smith. Merchant tailor. Member of the Roxbury Common Council. President of the Young Men's Benevolent Society. Trustee of the Mass. Charitable Mechanics Assn. Treasurer of the Children's Aid Society.

March 24, 1864. CHARLES MAYO ELLIS, see Pew No. 18, Lower Floor.

Oct. 19, 1878. EFFIE ELLIS, dau. of Charles Mayo Ellis.

Dec. 6, 1883. MARY E. BANGS, w. of William A. Bangs.

Nov. 12, 1887. ISAAC P. GRAGG, living.

May 1, 1896. DR. SEVANUS BOWEN, b. Feb. 13, 1840; d. April 7, 1899. Physician.

Long Pew No. 57

April 22, 1835. CHARLES GRANT, see Pew No. 24, in Gallery.

June 15, 1842. ELIJAH VOSE, b. Jan. 1, 1790; d. Sept. 12, 1856; m. Rebecca Gorham Bartlett. Merchant. State Senator Member of the Society of the Cincinnati. President of Mass. Horticultural Society.

Jan. 7, 1864. HENRY LEFRELET DAGGETT, b. Aug. 10, 1812; d. March 1, 1882; m. Sarah Eliza Williams. Shoe and Leather Merchant of Boston. Member of the Boston Board of Trade.

FEB. 20, 1866. FRANKLIN SMITH MERRETT, b. June 16, 1824; d. Jan. 13, 1879. Unmarried. Leather dealer. Director of the City National Bank. Member of the Music Committee.

May 27, 1879. MARY BARKER COMINS, w. of Linus Bacon Comins.

Nov. 11, 1887. FRANK M. SPRAGUE, living.

March 31, 1896. DANIEL W. JONES, b. Nov. 7, 1829; d. Nov. 27, 1898; m. Emma A. Cleaves. Schoolmaster in Roxbury.

Jan. 1, 1904. SAMUEL EVERETT TINKHAM, living.

Long Pew No. 58

June 13, 1837. NATHANIEL DORR, see Pew No. 97, Lower Floor.

April 12, 1851. JOSEPH MORRILL, JR., b. April 5, 1822; d. Nov. 23, 1893; m. Helen Brooks. Manufacturer. Member of Roxbury Common Council.

Long Pew No. 59

Aug. 26, 1835. Capt. William Blanchard, Senior, see Pew No. 97, Lower Floor.

Dec. 30, 1848. Theodore Otis, b. Dec. 15, 1810; d. July 11, 1873; m. Harriet Blanchard. Lawyer. Mayor of Roxbury. Trustee of the Roxbury Latin School. Member of the Roxbury School Board. Representative.

April 5, 1851. William Rodman Robeson, b. July 27, 1814; d. Nov. 7, 1892; m. Anna Rodman. Cotton Manufacturer. Representative.

—— 1894. Anna R. Robeson, w. of William Rodman Robeson.

Jan. 1, 1902. Theodore Melville Plimpton, living.

Long Pew No. 60.

April 22, 1835. Ozias Field, b. Nov. 17, 1798; d. Jan. 6, 1866; m. Charlotte E. Whiting. Dry goods with Joseph D. Gould.

Feb. 24, 1866. Ann Isabel Blanchard, see Long Pew No. 55, in Gallery.

Dec. 8, 1870. John Dean Sturtevant, b. 1818; d. July 5, 1893; m. Adeline D. Bradley. Manufacturer.

Long Pew No. 61

April 22, 1835. Daniel Andrew Sigourney, see Pew No. 38, Lower Floor.

Nov. 19, 1838. Charles Jefferson Hendee, b. July 1, 1805; d. Aug. 2, 1872; m. Adeline Davis. Member of the firm of Carter, Hendee and Co., who were the first occupants of the "Old Corner Bookstore," as booksellers, from 1828 to 1833.

June 3, 1844. William Amory, b. June 15, 1804; d. Dec. 9, 1888; m. Anna Powell Grant Sears. H. C. 1823 (Rebellion Class), receiving his degrees in 1845. Studied law but did not practice. Treasurer of the Amoskeag Manufacturing Co.

Jan. 3, 1854. Isaac Pollard Rand, bap. Dec. 1, 1816. Marketman.

Oct. 25, 1866. Samuel Parkman Dexter, b. June 13, 1824, d. Dec. 18, 1885; m. Matilda Campbell Abbot. Merchant. Director Revere National Bank, and of the Vale Mills.

Long Pew No. 62

April 22, 1835. Isaac Davis, see Pew No. 8, Lower Floor.

March 19, 1853. William S. Messenger, living.

April 25, 1890. Benjamin P. Cheney Clapp, living.

Long Pew No. 63

Sept. 9, 1839. James H. Champney, see Square Pew No. 3, in Gallery.

Sept. 4, 1844. Lot Clark, b. July 25, 1796; d. Feb. 24, 1880; m. Mary Barnard Eaton. Commission merchant.

March 22, 1853. Amos Stevens, see Pew No. 66, Lower Floor.

Nov. 18, 1858. William Brandford Shubrick Gay, b. Dec. 13, 1820; d. Sept. 16, 1901; m. Eliza Kirkland Dwight. Dry goods commission merchant. Afterwards note broker.

Feb. 19, 1867. Charles Edward Cook, b. Oct. 17, 1805; d. Sept. 23, 1874; m. Elizabeth White Wells. Member of Boston City Council. For thirty years connected with public charitable institutions of City and State, including Taunton Hospital. Representative and President of the State Senate.

Long Pew No. 64

April 22, 1835. Mrs. Hannah Robertson.

Aug. 9, 1847. Catherine Haviland, w. of Thomas Philip Haviland.

May 4, 1848. Joseph Henry Gardner, d. 1884; m. (1) Harriet Robertson, (2) Eliza ———. Insurance Broker.

Aug. 30, 1855. Henry White, b. Nov. 25, 1797; d. Sept. 11, 1873; m. Jane Eliza Williams. Druggist.

May 15, 1883. George Allen Dary, b. Nov. 30, 1842; d. Dec. 30, 1905; m. Elizabeth Tuttle. Lawyer and a most expert and reliable conveyancer. Founder and member of the Abstract Club. Member of the Mass. Title Insurance Co. and of the Conveyancers' Title Insurance Co. Member of the Music Committee and Clerk of this Society.

Jan. 24, 1889. Joseph A. Willard, b. Sept. 30, 1816; d. Aug. 14, 1904. Clerk of the Superior Court.

Long Pew No. 65

May 29, 1835. Isaac Harris Cary, b. Nov. 3, 1803; d. May 22, 1881; m. Phebe Phillips Pratt. Wholesale dealer in fancy goods, horn and shell.

Feb. 14, 1846. William James Reynolds, b. Oct. 14, 1814; d. Jan. 17, 1865; m. (1) Martha Pratt, (2) Harriet E. Wheelwright. Book publisher. Member of the Roxbury Common Council. Representative.

Jan. 25, 1861. Jonathan Pratt Robinson, see Square Pew No. 7, in Gallery.

July 10, 1863. J. Henry Sears, living.

Nov. 5, 1866. Augustus Parker, see Long Pew No. 69, in Gallery.

Feb. 12, 1883. George H. Wyman, b. April 10, 1827; d. April 13, 1893. Bedding supplies.

April 13, 1896. Matilda Campbell Dexter, w. of Samuel Parkman Dexter.

Long Pew No. 66

Sept. 16, 1835. Thomas Brewer, see Pew No. 3, Lower Floor.

Dec. 7, 1839. Gardner Brewer, see Pew No. 3, Lower Floor.

Dec. 3, 1849. Nathaniel P. Lovering, see Pew No. 11, Lower Floor.

Long Pew No. 67

June 25, 1839. John Eagan, a painter; received the deed of this pew in part payment for painting fence and blinds attached to the Meeting House.

July 12, 1839. George Read, b. July —, 1788; d. March 27, 1856. Merchant. Auctioneer and real estate agent.

Aug. 22, 1844. Francis Curtis, b. ——, 1814; d. Aug. 12, 1882. Merchant.

Dec. 4, 1846. Joseph Lewis Stackpole, b. Dec. 28, 1808; d. July 20, 1847; m. Susan Margaret Benjamin. H. C. 1824. Lawyer.

Dec. 1, 1887. Nathaniel Osgood Whitcomb, living.

Long Pew No. 68

Jan. 2, 1837. Aaron Child, see Square Pew No. 37, in Gallery.

Nov. 19, 1844. Joseph Harrington, see Pew No. 24, Lower Floor.

May 31, 1853. Nathan Carruth Cary, b. Nov. 4, 1814; d. May 7, 1900; m. (1) Frances Taylor Wilson, (2) Charlotte Emeline Burnette. Solicitor in Probate.

Feb. 8, 1862. Leonard C. Bowles, see Pew. No. 78, Lower Floor.

Oct. 7, 1863. Curtis Guild, living.

March 17, 1871. Henry Prentice Binney, b. March 5, 1838; d. April 17, 1878; m. Josephine Hayward. Merchant. Trustee of estates.

Long Pew No. 69

April 22, 1835. Benjamin Franklin Copeland, see Pew No. 27, Lower Floor.

May 17, 1837. George Arthur Simmons, see Long Pew No. 2, in Gallery.

Feb. 25, 1846. William Frederic Freeman, b. July 31, 1817; d. Aug. 18, 1888; m. Caroline Crosby Lewis. Manufacturer of dye stuffs from imported woods.

March 27, 1848. Samuel Gore Glover, b. Feb. 28, 1821; d. July 15, 1856; m. Rebecca Putnam Page. Merchant. Trustee of estates.

March 13, 1856. Augustus Parker, b. Aug. 30, 1827; d. Feb. 27, 1901; m. Mary Elizabeth Baker. Farmer. Member of the Common Council. Representative. President of Franklin Savings Bank. Overseer of the Poor.

Nov. 15, 1866. Edward Belcher Reynolds, see Deacons.

Jan. 11, 1869. Israel Goodwin Whitney, b. Jan. 30, 1831; d. Jan. 27, 1901; m. Christiana Kadie Swan Sargent. East India merchant. Trustee of estate of John A. Burnham.

April 13, 1883. Samuel T. Crosby, see Long Pew No. 70, in Gallery.

Jan. 6, 1898. William Hoag, living.

Long Pew No. 70

April 22, 1835. David Dudley, see Pew No. 45, Lower Floor.

Sept. 24, 1842. Samuel Thompson of Roxbury; m. Rachel ———. Blacksmith.

May 5, 1843. William Howland Hicks, b. Feb. 27, 1801; d. May 17, 1873; m. Sarah Mackay. Merchant.

Dec. 15, 1847. Andrew Davis, b. June 15, 1814; d. June 1, 1872; m. Ellen Pearey. Dealer in boots and shoes.

May 5, 1853. Samuel T. Crosby, b. 1822; d. Dec. 24, 1907; m. Sarah E. Lincoln. Senior member of the firm of Crosby, Morse & Foss. Jewellers. Afterwards Life Insurance Broker.

Jan. 12, 1855. Thomas Simmons, see Pew No. 17, Lower Floor.

Oct. 30, 1855. Frances Cordis Clarke, w. of Manlius Stimson Clarke.

Nov. 16, 1857. Rebecca Farnham, w. of Putnam Ingalls Farnham.

MUSIC

In the early days of the church the music was wholly supplied by the congregation. Hymn books were not in general use and the number of tunes was limited. Though there is no mention of a Precentor in the records, there was undoubtedly some one member who pitched the tunes, and led the singing, as Judge Sewall did for many years in the Boston church.

The Bay Psalm Book, a metrical version of the Psalms, was the first hymn book used as far as we know. This was the joint production of John Eliot, Thomas Welde and Richard Mather, and was published in Cambridge in 1640. Rev. Elias Nason describes this book as follows, "Welde, Eliot and Mather mounted the restive steed Pegasus, Hebrew Psalter in hand, and trotted in hot haste over the rough road of Shemitic roots and metrical psalmody. Other divines rode behind, and after cutting and slashing, mending and patching, twisting and turning, finally produced what must ever remain the most unique specimen of poetical tinkering in our literature." The music is arranged in treble and base; directions are given for setting the tune to the voice, so that one may sing "without squeking above or grumbling below."

Rev. Thomas Shepard of Cambridge wrote,

> "Ye Roxbury poets, keep clear of the crime
> Of missing to give us very good rhyme;
> And you of Dorchester, your verses lengthen,
> But with the text's own words you will them strengthen."

Samuel Sewall, in 1718, speaking of attending a private meeting where Mr. Thomas Walter preached and there was singing, says "Sang part of the 145th Psalm which he set to Low Dutch very well."

In 1721 Rev. Thomas Walter, who excelled in the science of harmony, being grieved beyond measure, and annoyed at the very indifferent performances in the sanctuary, pub-

lished a neat 12 mo. volume, The Grounds and Rules of Music Explained; or an Introduction to the Art of Singing by Note, Fitted to the meanest capacity. Recommended by several Ministers. "Let everything that hath breath, praise the Lord." Ps. cl, 6.

In this work the author endeavored to show that singing was reducible to the rules of art, and that he who made himself master of these rules would be able at first sight to sing any new tune, by the bare inspection of the notes. He complains that "for a want of a standard to appeal to in all our singing, our tunes are left to the mercy of every unskilful throat, to chop and alter, twist and change, according to their infinitely divers and no less odd humors and fancies." And of the singing of the congregations, "it sounded like five hundred different tunes roared out at the same time," and so little attention was paid to time, that they were often one or two words apart, producing noises "so hideous and disorderly as is bad beyond expression."

The manner of singing also had become so tedious and drawling, that he goes on to say, "I myself have twice in one note paused to take breath." The preface to this book, signed by fourteen clergymen, discourses delectably, and in a manner equally applicable at the present day. "We would encourage all, more particularly our young people, to accomplish themselves with skill to sing the songs of the Lord, according to the good rules of psalmody; hoping that the consequence of it will be that not only the assemblies of Zion will decently and in order carry on this exercise of piety, but also it will be the more introduced into private families and become a part of our family sacrifice. At the same time, we would above all expect that the main concern of all may be to make it not a mere bodily exercise, but sing with grace in their hearts, and with minds attentive to the truths in the psalms which they sing, and affected with them, so

that in their hearts they may make a melody to the Lord." This volume was the first wherein the music was printed with bars in America. The tunes were composed in three parts only. Mr. Hood characterizes the harmony as being "full rich and correct, and the whole style purely choral."

In 1757 members of the congregation wrote the following letter to the Pastor, Rev. Mr. Amos Adams.

Rev. S^{r}

The New England Version of the Psalms, however usefull it may formerly have been, is now become through the natural variableness of Language, not only very uncouth, but in many Places unintelligible; whereby the mind instead of being Raised and spirited in singing The Praises of Almighty God, and thereby better prepared to attend the other Parts of Divine Service, is Damped and made spiritless in the Performance of the Duty; at least such is the Tendency of the use of That version, and it being the Duty of Christians to make use of the Best helps for the right & acceptable performance of Divine Worship and as in Regard to Psalm singing there are several versions of the Psalms much preferable to that Before mentioned especially the version Made by Tate & Brady, which has been lately Rec^{d} by Divers of the Neighbouring Churches in the Room of the New England version.

We the subscribers (a number of your Parish) hereby Express our inclination and desire, that you would propose to the Church and Congregation under Your Care (in such manner as you Think sutable) the introduction among them of the last Mentioned version: and we would recommend that Edition (lately Published) to which is annexed a number of Hymns, suited to sacramental Occasions.

We are with Great Esteem

Sr Your Most Humble Servants

James Bowdoin.	Benjamin May.
Ebenezer Dorr.	Ebenezer May.
Sam^{ll} Stevens.	Isaac Winslow.
Sam^{ll} Gridley.	Joseph Curtiss.
James Mears.	Ebenezer Newell.
Sam^{ll} Williams.	John Williams.
Jonathan Hall.	Joseph Williams.
William Bosson.	Eben^{r} Pierpont.
Noah Perrin.	William Gridley.
James Mears, jun^{r}.	John Pierpont.
Benjamin Williams.	William Pierpont.
Joseph Weld.	William Heath.

To the Rev^d Mr. Adams.

The within is a True Copy of a letter Communicated to the first Congregation in Roxbury on Sept. 11, 1757, and agreeable to the Desire therein Expressed it was proposed by the Paster to the Congregation that they Take this version into Consideration for a considerable Time at least six or seven weeks, and it was Recommended to them to Read and acquaint themselves with this version, and if after having Carefully Read & Considered this version any find Cause to object against it the Pastor Desires that he may be Timely informed of it.

Attest

Amos Adams.

July 9, 1758. The Congregation Tarried after the Blessing and the above letter was again read, and now at the motion of two gentlemen of the Congregation (none objecting to the motion) the Question was put by the Pastor "Whether it be the minds of the Congregation to lay aside the New England Version of Psalms and in the Room thereof to use henceforth the version of Tate & Brady with a collection of Hymns Chiefly from Dr. Watts which are now used by some of the Neighboring Congregations," and it passed in the affirmative.

Ebenezer Fox, a Roxbury lad, has furnished this reminiscence of the music of this old meeting house in 1775. "Deacon Crafts used to read aloud one verse at a time of the psalm or hymn, which the choir would sing, and then wait till he had read another. Hymn books were not in general use; they were, some time after, in the pews of the wealthy. At a subsequent period fuguing tunes were introduced and they produced a literally fuguing effect upon the elder people, the greater part of whom went out of church as soon as the first verse was sung." After a while the bass viol was introduced, much to the scandal of the elders, who dubbed it the "devil's fiddle," while the choir called it the "Lord's fiddle." Fox continues, "I well remember the first Sabbath that the bass viol was used, as an accompaniment to the singing. The

old pious people were horror struck at what they considered a sacrilegious innovation, and went out of meeting in high dudgeon. One old church member stood at the church door and showed his contempt for the music by making a sort of caterwauling noise, which he called 'mocking the banjo.' A meeting of the 'pillars of the church' took place, but into it managed to creep some young and frisky laymen, and for a time things were rather lively, and Dr. Emmons, who was then temporarily filling the pulpit, had hard work to preserve order. He finally succeeded in making himself heard. 'Show me,' he said, 'a single instance in the Bible where they use the obnoxious instrument and I am content.' 'But they used other stringed instruments,' said a layman. 'That has nothing to do with it. My question is, do they ever speak of the bass viol in the book? Answer me.' Silence reigned. 'No,' continued the doctor, 'they do not. And do you think the Almighty and his angels would put up with such squeaky noises? Do you think that they cannot tell good and pious music, that you try to inflict them with discord and inharmonious tunes? Mark me, those of you who continue to sing to the "devil's fiddle" will never have a chance to sing to the sublime sounds of the harp and the lute. But I have said that the Almighty abominated such noises, and so do I, and I will never read God's Word in a meeting house where the choir sing in unison with an invention of the devil.'" And he never did.

What two prominent members thought of the use of the bass viol may best be told in their own words. Deacon Felton in his Records says, "July 27, 1788, was introduced that unmeaning lifeless sound upon a Bass Viol, as a part of Divine worship in the First church of Christ in Roxbury, the manner of its introduction was simply this, it was ask'd the Church by their Rev. Pastor whether they were willing the

Viol should be made use of in their worship on the sabbath day, upon which one of the Church rose and said if there was any one had any objection to make, why it should not, he wish'd they would make it for his part he said he had none. But no vote of the Church was taken upon the subject. And Thus (in my weak opinion) relapses a pure primitive Church of Christ of One Hundred and Fifty years standing into error and vain glory. From which the good Lord Deliver us."

William Heath writes to Rev. Mr. Eliphalet Porter under date of Aug. 4, 1788, as follows: —

"Instrumental musick was yesterday introduced into divine worship in the meeting house of the First Church and Congregation of this town, and altho for myself I am fully of opinion that the use of instrumental musick in divine worship may be vindicated both from Scripture and reason, yet I conceive that for obvious reasons it ought not to be introduced without the consent and approbation of the Church. As I have not heard that either have been requested or obtained, I cannot refrain from addressing you on the subject. If the young gentlemen, who favor the Congregation by leading the singing, introduced instrumental musick of their own motion, I think it was going too far and invading the rights of the Church. Nor can I persuade myself to believe that any individuals would advise to the measure untill the sense of the Church was known, as this would be arrogating to themselves a power which I presume no individuals have a right to exercise in the Church. Permit me therefore, to request (for the satisfaction of my own mind) to be informed how and in what manner the introduction took place. While it is my ardent desire not only to join, but also to encourage everything which may tend to the furtherance of publick devotion, I wish to see everything conducted decently and in order."

Notwithstanding the protests of several members, musical instruments were used to assist the singers, down to the time of the building of the first organ in 1821. The only ones mentioned are a bass viol and a clarionet. They were all sold when the organ was built.

Near the close of the eighteenth century the hymn book used was "Psalms and Hymns," by Rev. Jeremy Belknap, D.D., this being substituted for the Tate and Brady collection.

It having been the anxious wish of many individuals in the Parish to have an organ procured to aid in the services of Publick Worship, Messrs. Nathaniel Dorr, John Doggett and Joseph Harrington took upon themselves the very arduous task of procuring by subscription the means of purchasing such an instrument. After having obtained about $1250, a meeting of the subscribers was called on the evening of the 18th December, 1820, at the Town House. At this meeting, Jonathan Dorr, Esq., was chosen moderator and John Lemist was chosen Secretary.

After discussing the objects of the meeting, it was voted to petition the Parish Committee to warn the members of the Parish to meet at the meeting house on Friday, Dec. 22, 1820, at 2 o'clock P.M., to take into consideration whether the Parish will accept an organ and have the same erected for the use of the Parish in said House. A petition was then introduced by Joseph Harrington, Esq., for that purpose, and after being duly signed was presented to the Parish Committee. At the same time a committee, consisting of Jonathan Dorr, Isaac Davis, William Blaney, John Doggett, Joseph Harrington, John Lemist, Peter G. Robbins, John Champney, Jacob Allen, was chosen to carry the objects of the subscribers into complete effect. The Parish, having accepted the offer of an organ, Dr. Robbins was made Treasurer of the fund, and a sub-committee, consisting of William Blaney,

Joseph Harrington, Isaac Davis, and John Champney contracted with Mr. Appleton to build an organ, and after its completion presented it to the Parish in behalf of the subscribers, who at last had the satisfaction of seeing an organ erected much superior to what were their most sanguine hopes at the commencement of their exertions, and under the impression that the Parish would, from time to time, grant such liberal support as would command a person of talents whose performances would excite in us that pure and holy spirit of devotion which is due to the Great Author and Disposer of all things.

The subscribers were as follows: —

Jonathan Dorr	$110.00	William Blaney	$30.00
John Lemist	110.00	Samuel Guild	40.00
Peter G. Robbins	115.00	Louisa Williams	5.00
John Parker	100.00	Lewis Withington	3.00
Nathaniel Snow	20.00	Asa Bugbee	5.00
Thomas Williams	50.00	Ezra Morse	5.00
Nehemiah Munroe	38.00	Aaron Willard	10.00
Eben. Crafts	30.00	Sam'l Langley	15.00
Isaac Davis	70.00	James Riley	5.00
Sam'l Wait	50.00	Martha Ruggles	10.00
Tho. Robinson	25.00	Benj. Weld	35.00
Jno. Champney	30.00	Joseph Ward	8.00
Eben. Francis	25.00	John Doggett	70.00
Elijah Vose Jr.	10.00	Joseph Harrington	30.00
Wm. Lambert	15.00	Nathl Dorr	32.00
Joseph Williams	10.00	Jon^{a} Hunnewell	30.00
Stedman Williams	20.00	Friends	6.00
A. D. Williams	35.00	Edmund Munroe	25.00
Moses Davis	10.00	Joseph H. Hawes	7.00
Wm. C. Hunneman	20.00	Isaac Rand	3.00
Sam'l Doggett	25.00	Tho. Lillie	10.00
Wm. H. Spooner	10.00	David Baker	10.00
Chenery Clark	15.00	Eben^{r} Bugbee	5.00
Misses Waite	4.00	John Lowell	25.00
William Eustis	10.00	Charles Davis	50.00
John W. Child	5.00	Elijah Lewis	10.00
Benj. Meriam	3.00	Eliza Brewer	5.00

William Langley	$5.00	Charles Fox	$3.00
Wm. Blanchard	20.00	Nath[l] Magoon	2.00
Jon[a]. A. Richards	10.00	John Clap	3.00
Wm. Blanchard	15.00	Benj. B. Curtis	3.00
Wm. Pratt	10.00	Thos. K. Jones	20.00
Sam'l Sumner	10.00	John Williams	5.00
William Patten	25.00	John A. Lowell	10.00
Susan Davis	10.00	Asa Whitney	10.00
Jos. Hastings	3.00	Dan'l Wild	5.00
Guy Carlton	5.00	Austin & Fowle	15.00
Abigail Meriam	15.00	Jacob Allen	10.00
Andrew Robertson	3.00	Mrs. Williams	5.00
Francis Dana	2.00	N. D. Williams	15.00
John Whittemore	2.00	Amos Smith	5.00
James Adams	3.00	Z. B. Adams	10.00
D. A. Simmons	10.00	Daniel Saunderson	15.00
John C. Estabrook	4.00	Wm. Dore	5.00
Sherman Leland	10.00	Mary Williams	5.00
Eliphalet Porter	35.00	Cap. Cazneau	2.00
Abigail Seaver	10.00	Thos. W. Scott	2.00
Stephen S. Davis	5.00		

Total amount of subscriptions was $1816. The organ cost $1800 agreeably to contract and was finished in Nov. 1821. Mr. Taylor was paid $25 for playing on it and other services.

In 1849 it was found necessary to put the organ in complete repair, $600 being raised by subscription for that purpose. The following year, however, members of the congregation subscribed for a new organ.

In May, 1822, it was determined to engage Miss Emma Dillaway as organist for the term of six months from the 13th of May, as for the previous six months she had generously given her services, and to allow her pay during that time at the rate of one hundred and fifty dollars per year. She was discharged Nov. 13, 1822, and Mr. Joseph Wilson appointed organist began his duties Nov. 17, 1822, and continued to serve until April, 1825. He was followed by

K. B. Stratford in 1825 and 1826. Geo. W. Hewitt, 1827; Geo. O. Farmer 1828 and 1829; Asa Fillebrown, 1830 to 1836; John N. Pierce, 1837; George O. Farmer, 1838 to 1848. About 1830 the Hymn Book used was "A collection of Psalms and Hymns," by Rev. Dr. Francis W. P. Greenwood and this continued to be used until 1877, when it was succeeded by the Hymn and Tune Book, published by the American Unitarian Association, in use at the present time.

The vocal part of the music had, since its beginning in the latter part of the eighteenth century, been rendered entirely by volunteers, and the first time the choristers were mentioned by name, for the purpose of leading, was when Jonathan Harrington was chosen in 1811. He was followed by Benjamin Baker Davis in 1816, William K. Phipps in 1816, James G. Loring in 1820, John Willard in 1820, John Fuller in 1822, Joseph W. Tucker in 1827, Isaac Chamberlain from Jan. 1, 1829, to Jan. 1, 1850.

The first paid singers were Mrs. Sophia M. Blendell, soprano, and Miss Elizabeth Clap Rumrill, alto, who entered the choir in 1827, and toward their salaries twelve members of the Society agreed to pay $31.50. Mrs. Blendell served until 1834, being followed by Mrs. E. A. Hildreth, 1835 and 1836; Miss Louisa Corporal, 1837; Miss Bugbee, 1838; Miss Susan Wilde Hunt, 1839 to 1843; Miss Rose, 1844. Miss Rumrill served until 1837, being followed by Mrs. Louisa A. Egan, 1838; Miss Myra Hunt, 1839 and 1840; Miss S. C. Jones, 1841; Miss Susan J. M. Jones, 1841; Miss H. L. Shepard, 1843 and 1844. The only men mentioned in the same period, beside Mr. Chamberlain, were Mr. Levi W. Slack in 1830, John Bartlett in 1835, Samuel Ames, 1836, Samuel Guild, 1838. There were no choirs between the latter part of 1844 to 1848 with the exception of the chorister and organist, and the voluntary system of music was intro-

duced as then practiced in some of the Congregational churches. About this time the Committee recommended a large choir and a more efficient one, and it was hoped that some of the congregation who were competent would volunteer their assistance. Since 1849 the choirs have been full, and among the names may be found many who in after years attained a high reputation as singers, the lists being as follows: —

	1849	1850
Organist	Adolph Baumbach.	Adolph Baumbach.
Soprano	Mary Ann Forau.	Mary Ann Forau.
Alto	Miss L. A. Crossman.	Miss L. A. Crossman.
Tenor	Isaac Chamberlain.	Benjamin Butler.
Bass	Loring B. Barnes.	Loring B. Barnes.

	1851	1852
Organist	Adolph Baumbach.	Adolph Baumbach.
Soprano	Mrs. George B. Fowle.	Mrs. George B. Fowle.
Alto	Miss Sarah Cushing.	Miss Sarah Cushing.
Tenor	John H. Low.	John H. Low.
Bass	David A. Granger.	David A. Granger.

	1853	1854
Organist	Adolph Baumbach.	Adolph Baumbach.
Soprano	Mrs. George B. Fowle.	Mrs. George B. Fowle.
Alto	Miss Sarah Cushing.	Miss Sarah Cushing.
Tenor	John H. Low.	John H. Low.
Bass	Thomas A. Upham.	Thomas A. Upham.

	1855	1856
Organist	Adolph Baumbach.	Adolph Baumbach.
Soprano	Mrs. Ellen Fowle.	Mrs. Ellen Fowle.
Alto	Miss Sarah Cushing.	Miss Sarah Cushing.
Tenor	John H. Low.	John H. Low.
Bass	Thomas A. Upham.	Thomas A. Upham.

	1857	1858
Organist	Adolph Baumbach	Adolph Baumbach.
Soprano	Mrs. Lizzie Hayward.	Mrs. Lizzie Hayward.
Alto	Mrs. Julia Meston.	Mrs. Julia Meston.
Tenor	John B. Thayer.	John H. Low.
Bass	George Wright.	George Wright.

	1859	1860
Organist	Adolph Baumbach.	Adolph Baumbach.
Soprano	Mrs. Ellen Fowle.	Miss Addie Ryan.
Alto	Mrs. Julia Meston.	Mrs. Julia Meston.
Tenor	John H. Low.	John H. Low.
Bass	Charles E. Pickett.	Charles E. Pickett.

	1861	1862
Organist	Adolph Baumbach.	Henry W. Edes.
Soprano	Miss Addie Ryan.	
Alto	Mrs. Julia Meston.	Mrs. Julia Meston.
Tenor	John H. Low.	John H. Low.
Bass	Charles E. Pickett.	Charles E. Pickett.

	1863	1864
Organist	Henry W. Edes.	Henry W. Edes.
Soprano	——— Cook.	——— Cook.
Alto	Mrs. Julia Meston.	Mrs. Julia Meston.
Tenor	John H. Low.	
Bass		

	1865	1866
Organist	Henry W. Edes.	Henshaw Smith.
Soprano	Mrs. Ellen Fowle.	Miss Sarah Barton.
Alto	Sarah Shattuck.	Miss Julia Barden.
Tenor		William F. McDonald.
Bass		Henry C. Barnabee.

	1867	1868
Organist	Henshaw Smith.	Frank F. Tingley.
Soprano	Miss Sarah Barton.	Miss Sarah Barton.
Alto	Miss Matilda Phillips.	Mrs. Harriet L. Guilmette.
Tenor	William F. McDonald.	Edward Prescott.
Bass.	Henry C. Barnabee.	Dr. Charles A. Guilmette.

	1869	1870
Organist	Charles Smith.	Charles Smith.
Soprano	Miss Sarah Barton.	Miss Vera Cross.
Alto	Mrs. Harriet L. Guilmette.	Miss Helen M. Mead.
Tenor	Edward Prescott.	M. L. Ingalls.
Bass	Dr. Charles A. Guilmette.	G. W. Dudley.

	1871	1872
Organist .	Charles Smith.	Miss Caroline E. Symonds.
Soprano .	Miss Vera Cross.	Miss Vera Cross.
Alto . . .	Miss Helen M. Mead.	Miss A. Franklin.
Tenor . .	M. L. Ingalls.	M. L. Ingalls.
Bass . .	G. W. Dudley.	G. W. Dudley.

	1873	1874
Organist .	Miss Caroline E. Symonds.	Miss Caroline E. Symonds.
Soprano .	Miss Annie L. Harmon.	Miss Annie L. Harmon.
Alto . . .	Miss Anna C. Holbrook.	Miss Anna C. Holbrook.
Tenor . .	M. L. Ingalls.	M. L. Ingalls.
Bass . .	G. W. Dudley.	G. W. Dudley.

	1875	1876
Organist .	Charles R. Ford.	Charles R. Ford.
Soprano .	Mrs. George K. Hooper.	Mrs. George K. Hooper.
Alto . . .	Miss Anna C. Holbrook.	Mrs. Frank Goodwin.
Tenor . .	John Henry Stickney.	John Henry Stickney.
Bass . .	Dr. Charles W. Goddard.	Dr. Charles W. Goddard.

	1877	1878
Organist .	Charles R. Ford.	Charles R. Ford.
Soprano .	Mrs. George K. Hooper.	Lilian Norton.
Alto . . .	Miss Emma Hathaway.	Mrs. Flora E. Barry.
Tenor . .	John Henry Stickney.	John Henry Stickney.
Bass . .	David Marks Babcock.	David Marks Babcock.

	1879	1880
Organist .	John A. Howard.	John A. Howard.
Soprano .	Mrs. Marie Stone McDonald.	Miss Vinnie H. Maynard.
Alto . . .	Mrs. Flora E. Barry.	Mrs. Jennie B. Wadleigh.
Tenor . .	W. H. Wadleigh.	W. H. Wadleigh.
Bass . .	David Marks Babcock.	David Marks Babcock.

	1881	1882
Organist .	John A. Howard.	John A. Howard.
Soprano .	Mrs. M. E. Gibson.	Miss Etta J. Allen.
Alto . . .	Mrs. Jennie B. Wadleigh.	Miss H. Idel Miles.
Tenor . .	Samuel M. King.	Samuel M. King.
Bass . .	Frank H. Hathorne.	Walter A. Adams.

	1883	1884
Organist	Charles R. Ford.	Charles R. Ford.
Soprano	Mrs. Leonora Chamberlain Simmons.	Miss Etta Kileski.
Alto	Mrs. Agnes Giles Spring.	Mrs. Agnes Giles Spring.
Tenor	Samuel M. King.	Samuel M. King.
Bass	G. L. Olney.	Arthur W. Thayer.

	1885	1886
Organist	Charles R. Ford.	William Frese.
Soprano	Miss Etta Kileski.	Miss Maud Starkweather.
Alto	Mrs. Agnes Giles Spring.	Mrs. Agnes Giles Spring.
Tenor	Samuel M. King.	Samuel M. King.
Bass	Arthur W. Thayer.	Arthur W. Thayer.

	1887	1888
Organist	Frank O. Nash.	Frank O. Nash.
Soprano	Miss Maud Starkweather.	Mrs. Lillian R. Hayman. Miss Alice May Bates.
Alto	Mrs. Agnes Giles Spring.	Mrs. Agnes Giles Spring.
Tenor	Samuel M. King.	Samuel M. King.
Bass	Arthur W. Thayer.	Arthur W. Thayer.

	1889	1890
Organist	Philip Hale.	Philip Hale.
Soprano	Miss Minnehaha Scoffield.	Mrs. Edlefson.
Alto	Miss Georgie M. Wiggins.	Miss Whiting.
Tenor	Thomas Carne.	——— Merrill.
Bass	Walter H. Edgerly.	Walter H. Edgerly.

	1891	1892
Organist	Philip Hale.	Philip Hale.
Soprano	Helen M. Young.	Mrs. Lilian Atkinson.
Alto	Maud Wilson.	Mrs. Joseph W. Homer.
Tenor	Thomas E. Johnson.	Thomas E. Johnson.
Bass	Walter H. Edgerly.	Walter H. Edgerly.

	1893	1894
Organist	Philip Hale.	Philip Hale.
Soprano	Maud Williams.	Miss Carolyn H. Parish.
Alto	Miss Edith MacGregor.	Miss Edith MacGregor.
Tenor	Thomas E. Johnson.	Robert T. Hall.
Bass	Walter H. Edgerly.	Walter H. Edgerly.

	1895	1896
Organist	Philip Hale.	Philip Hale.
Soprano	Miss Carolyn H. Parish.	Miss Carolyn H. Parish.
Alto	Miss Edith MacGregor.	Mrs. Edith M. Woods.
Tenor	Robert T. Hall.	Archie MacDonald.
Bass	Walter H. Edgerly.	Charles H. Bennett.

	1897	1898
Organist	Philip Hale.	Philip Hale.
Soprano	Miss Carolyn H. Parish.	Miss Gertrude Miller.
Alto	Mrs. Edith M. Woods.	Mrs. Edith M. Woods.
Tenor	Frederick W. Bancroft.	Frederick W. Bancroft.
Bass	Charles H. Bennett.	Charles H. Bennett.

	1899	1900
Organist	Philip Hale.	Philip Hale.
Soprano	Miss Gertrude Miller.	Miss Lottie M. Mackay.
Alto	Mrs. Edith M. Woods.	Mrs. Edith M. Woods.
Tenor	Frederick W. Bancroft.	Louis E. Black.
Bass	Frederick E. Kendall.	Frederick E. Kendall.

	1901	1902
Organist	Philip Hale.	Philip Hale.
Soprano	Mrs. Blanche M. West.	Miss Clara Sexton.
Alto	Mrs. Edith M. Woods.	Mrs. Edith M. Woods.
Tenor	Louis E. Black.	Louis E. Black.
Bass	Frederick E. Kendall.	Frederick E. Kendall.

	1903	1904
Organist	Philip Hale.	Philip Hale.
Soprano	Miss Clara Sexton.	Miss Laura Van Kuran.
Alto	Mrs. Edith M. Woods.	Miss Edith Castle.
Tenor	Louis E. Black.	Joseph Viau.
Bass	Frederick E. Kendall.	Frederick E. Kendall.

There is no record of any fixed choir or paid singers until 1827 chiefly because of the small amount appropriated each year for the use of the singers before 1822, which averaged up to that time about $100, while from April 16, 1822, to Jan. 1, 1827, $300 was appropriated each year to pay the organist and chorister. Between 1827 and 1835 there was no appropriation voted by the Society. On Oct. 1, 1831, the under-

signed members of the First Religious Society in Roxbury agreed to pay the sums set against their respective names, to the Committee of said Society, to defray the expense on an organist and other indispensable items for encouragement of the music generally.

Paid —		Paid —	
Guy Carleton	$ 5.00	Sam'l H. Hunneman	$2.00
Sam J. Gardner	5.00	——Dyer	2.00
William Phipps	5.00	E. W. Bradley	2.00
John Lemist	15.00	Eben Francis	15.00
Eben^{r} Crafts	15.00	Jno. Parker	15.00
S. C. Thwing	10.00	Charles Davis	10.00
Joseph Vila	5.00	David Dudley	5.00
Misses Davis	5.00	D. A. Simmons	5.00
Thos. Simmons	5.00	B. F. Copeland	5.00
Thos. Brewer	5.00	John Lowell	15.00
Jon^{a} Dorr	3.00	H. A. S. Dearborn	5.00
J. B. Fowle	5.00	A. D. Williams	5.00
Chas. Grant	5.00	Isaac Davis	5.00
William White	5.00	Enoch Bartlett	5.00
Abijah Meriam	5.00	W. Gore	5.00
Isaac Wyman	1.00	S. Williams	3.00
Caroline L. Eustis	5.00	P. G. Robbins	5.00
D. A. Sigourney	2.00	Jos. Harrington	2.00
Nat. Dorr	2.00	E. G. Lemon	3.00
Charles Hichling	3.00	Lemuel Mills	1.00
Dea. John Clap	3.00	John J. Clarke	2.00
Wm Bacon	2.00	F. S. Eastman	2.00
Chas. Bullard	1.00	Wm H. Spear	3.00
Moses Whiting	2.00	Benj. Weld	2.00
Wm Fisk	3.00	Asa Bugbee	1.00
John Bartlett	5.00	Aaron Willard	1.00
Sam'l Guild	5.00	Mr. Wainwright	2.00
Joseph Callender	2.00	M. Durand	2.00
Ozias Field	1.00	M. Ward	1.00
Nahum Ward	2.00	E. Taber	1.00
Ralph Crooker	2.00	Jacob Allen	1.00
Nathan Smith	2.00	Jacob Marshall	1.00
A. M. Withington	2.00	Stedman Williams	2.00
Wm Davis	5.00	N. D. Williams	2.00
Willm Dorr	2.00		288.00

In 1834, Joseph W. Tucker advanced $93.33 for church music, otherwise the singers must have received no compensation for their services until 1836, when $450 was appropriated for music, and from 1836 to 1850 between $400 and $500. In 1850 $750, and the amount was gradually increased until over $3000 was reached.

The first mention of a committee on music was at the annual meeting in 1835, when Joseph Harrington, chairman, Samuel J. Gardner and Charles P. Blaney were appointed a committee to take charge of church music or as the records have it "to see that Church Music is regularly performed in First R. Society, each Sabbath in the ensuing year. Said Committee to have the direction and Control of the same." From this it may be inferred that the music was very irregular and uncertain.

Their successors in office with dates of appointments were;

Jan. 4, 1836. Doctor P. G. Robbins, Galen Bowditch, Joseph W. Tucker.
Jan. 2, 1837. John Lemist, Dr. Henry Bartlett.
Jan. 1, 1838. Standing Committee and Joseph Harrington, John Lemist, Dr. Henry Bartlett.
May 7, 1849. F. C. Loring, S. P. Blake, J. W. Tucker, J. J. May, Ephraim Harrington.
Jan. 6, 1851. John Rogers, George W. Dodd, Charles Hickling, Joseph W. Tucker, John J. May.
Jan. 2, 1854. John Rogers, Charles Hickling, Joseph W. Tucker, John J. May, Almon D. Hodges.
Jan. 4, 1858. John Rogers, Joseph W. Tucker, John J. May, Almon D. Hodges, Henry W. Pickering.
Jan. 2, 1860. John Rogers, Joseph W. Tucker, John J. May, Henry W. Pickering.
Jan. 4, 1864. John Rogers, Joseph W. Tucker, Henry W. Pickering, Samuel C. Cobb, Lyman Hollingsworth.
Jan. 2, 1865. Samuel C. Cobb, Lyman Hollingsworth, Henry W. Pickering, Josiah Wheelwright.
Feb. 6, 1866. Theodore Otis, Charles J. Danforth, Franklin Greene, John Felt Osgood, William Crosby.
Jan. 7, 1868. Charles J. Danforth.
Jan. 5, 1874. Charles J. Danforth, Horatio Harris, Israel G. Whitney.

Jan. 4, 1875.	Franklin S. Merritt.
Jan. 7, 1878.	William A. Beattie.
Jan. 2, 1882.	The Standing Committee.
Jan. 1, 1883.	George A. Dary, R. B. Fairbairn.
Jan. 4, 1886.	George A. Dary, R. B. Fairbairn, Mrs. Leonard Ware, Jr.
Jan. 2, 1888.	George A. Dary, R. B. Fairbairn.
Jan. 7, 1889.	G. H. Wilson, Mark Hollingsworth.
Jan. 5, 1891.	Mark Hollingsworth.
Jan. 6, 1896.	Theodore M. Plimpton.
Jan. 4, 1897.	N. O. Whitcomb, Stephen H. Williams, James A. Waddington.
Jan. 2, 1899.	N. O. Whitcomb.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL

In the early days of the church the young people were carefully watched over and disciplined, and at least once a year were catechised by the Pastor or Elders. December 6th, 1674, Eliot writes in the Church Book:

"This day we restored o^{r} primitive practice for the training up of o^{r} youth, first o^{r} male youth (in fitting season), stay every Sab: after the evening exercize, in the Pub: meeting house, where the Elders will examine their remembrance yt day, & amy fit poynt of catechise. Secondly yt o^{r} female youth should meet in one place, where the Elders may examine ym of theire remembrance yesterday & about catechise, or what else may be convenient."

From that time there is no special mention in the records of a Sunday school, though we know that the Pastors and Elders continued to watch over and discipline the youth of their flock.

The Sunday school as we know it to-day was organized in Dr. Porter's time, and he is known to have taken an interest in the young and often talked in the school to the scholars. The first known superintendent was Mr. Clap, and he is mentioned as acting in 1841. Oct. 31, 1842, Mr. Williams, son of Mr. Isaac Williams, entered upon the duties, and Dec. 12, 1847, Mr. C. K. Dillaway became the superintendent and continued in office for nearly thirty years. He was succeeded by Mr. Adams Ayer, after whom there have been numerous superintendents, no one serving for any great length of time. In some years students from the Divinity School in Cambridge have filled the place.

In the first half of the century the session was only between April first and December first, on account of the lack of heat and the difficulty of sending children any distance in cold and stormy weather. The time of service was sometimes

between three and four in the afternoon, but more often before church service in the morning.

The school assembled in the pews in the middle aisle of the church, and the opening exercises generally consisted of a short service with singing. The classes then adjourned to the square pews, where the class lessons were held. Just before the end of the hour they reassembled in the middle aisle, and after repeating the Lord's Prayer and singing a hymn, the school was dismissed with a benediction. Sometimes the school was addressed by a visitor. Mr. Wm. Crosby made an address annually, when a special collection was taken up for the benefit of the Children's Mission.

There was no system in the class instruction. Each teacher used his or her own individual method. Some classes used the books common in the American Unitarian Association, but there was no compulsion in the use of these. During Mr. Brooks' pastorate he held teachers' meetings, where the lessons were planned and discussed, but each teacher used her own method in carrying out the ideas thus gained.

Prizes were given for regular attendance, and at Christmas and Easter there were special exercises. A collection was taken the first Sunday in each month, usually for the benefit of the Children's Mission. There was a library in connection with the school, when books were given out and exchanged each Sunday.

May 27, 1868, there was a mass meeting of Sunday school children in Music Hall in Boston, in which our school took an active part. On another occasion the school was taken in King's coaches to Boston, to see an exhibition of religious paintings, and for many years the annual Sunday school picnic was a popular feature.

In the Report of the Society in 1880, the following was the

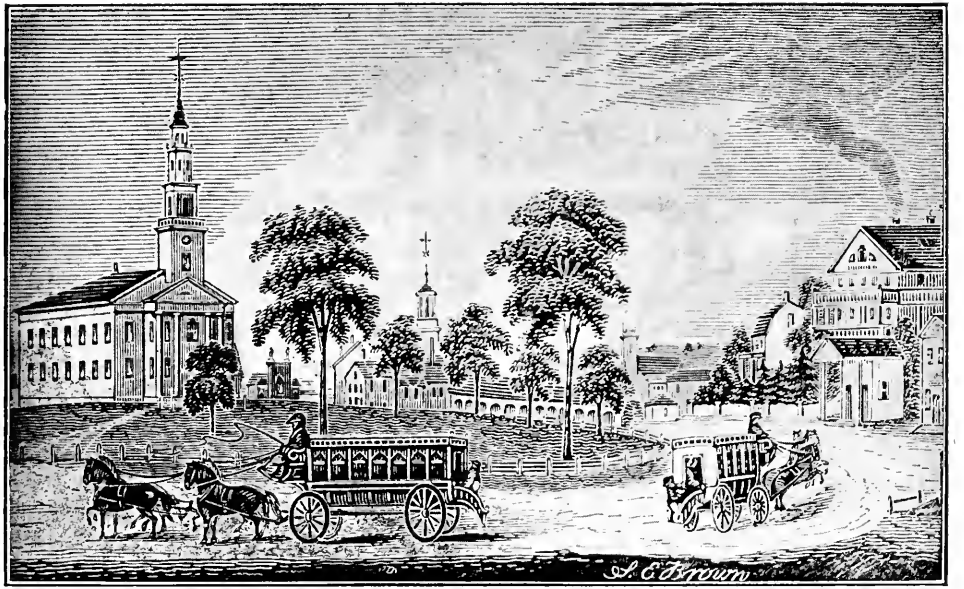
REPORT OF THE SUNDAY SCHOOL

The number of scholars now in the school is 130; the number of teachers 27. A teachers' meeting is held once each fortnight on Friday at four o'clock. These meetings are always open to all in the society who care to listen to a discussion of the work of the Sunday School. It is of the nature of a Bible Class. The hour of the School was changed in the autumn from three P.M. to a quarter of ten A.M. A gentleman from the senior class of the Divinity School in Cambridge has been engaged this year to assist in the superintendence of the school. The Library last year underwent a careful examination, a large number of questionable books being thrown out. Nearly an equal number of new books, selected almost wholly from the catalogue of the Ladies' Commission, were added. Contributions are taken up in the school for the Children's Mission. The sum this year it is hoped will be about one hundred dollars. The Children's Christmas Festival has resulted in adding largely to the stores of Mr. Briggs, the Agent of the Roxbury Charitable Society. Instead of distributing gifts to our own children they have been asked to bring useful gifts, groceries, clothing, &c which have been given to Mr. Briggs. Large numbers of toys have also been sent to the Rev. Mr. William Bradley's Mission in Heath Street. The officers of the School are

Superintendent, Rev. J. G. Brooks.
Assistant-Superintendent, Mr. A. M. Judy.
Librarians. Miss Abby Putnam and Miss Emma Lockwood.

Teachers.

Miss A. S. Baylies.
Miss Josephine Carret.
Mrs. Mary L. Clarke.
Miss Annie V. Comins.
Miss Helen T. Comins.
Miss L. B. Comins.
Miss Emily A. Crafts.
Miss Sarah Dearborn.
Mrs. Geo. B. Farnsworth.
Miss Kate Fearing.
Miss Emma Hutchins.
Mr. A. M. Judy.
Miss Carrie Leavitt.
Miss E. W. Leavitt.
Miss Nellie Leavitt.
Miss Elizabeth Leland.
Miss Maria D. Lockwood.
Miss Anna C. Lowell.
Miss Susie H. Pickering.
Miss Laura M. Pollock.
Miss F. S. Rogers.
Miss Alice M. Sears.
Miss Sophia Shepherd.
Miss Sarah Taber.
Miss Annie H. Thwing.
Miss Annie Ware.
Mrs. Fanny A. Wheelock.



VIEW OF ELIOT SQUARE IN 1844.

THE HORSE SHEDS

The first mention in the church records of sheds for the protection, during services, of the horses of those living at a distance, was on Jan. 19, 1673, when leave was granted the inhabitants living at a distance to have ground for temporary house for themselves and horses on the Sabbath.

In March, 1701–2, leave was granted to build a stable to shelter horses at public meetings and on the Sabbath, and the next year leave was granted to those at Jamaica end to build a house near the meeting house for their accommodation between services on the Sabbath day. The exact location of these sheds is unknown.

There were 7 or 8 horse sheds erected in 1757 standing on a part of the ground now enclosed in the meeting house yard. In 1804, they were removed on to the triangular piece of land at the corner of Bartlett and Dudley Streets, where Cox Building now stands, and were then seven in number. In 1828 they had become so much out of repair that it was deemed necessary to pull them down and erect new ones in their stead. The seven Old Proprietors conceived that they had a right to the land on which their sheds stood, by reason of their having had quiet possession thereof for more than twenty years (since 1804), and in that case came in for new ones on better terms than those who had requested leave of the Society to build an additional number. Therefore they were given the first choice and not compelled to take leases. All were to have the use of the sheds for twenty years by paying to the Standing Committee one Dollar when the sheds were completed.

The new sheds were erected, completed, and accepted by the building committee about Jan. 1, 1830, at a cost of $700. They were leased until Dec. 31, 1849, each proprietor paying

about $35 to cover the cost of erection, and a rental of one cent per year if demanded.

A list of the proprietors is as follows, the Old Proprietors being designated by a *

No. 1. Charles Davis*.
No. 2. John Lowell*.
No. 3. William C. Hunneman*.
No. 4. Enoch Bartlett.
No. 5. Thos. K. Jones.
No. 6. Susan and Sarah Davis*.
No. 7. Eben Francis.
No. 8. John Parker*.
No. 9. Isaac Davis.
No. 10. Caroline Langdon Eustis.
No. 11. Samuel Billings.
No. 12. David Dudley.
No. 13. Ebenezer Crafts.
No. 14. Nehemiah D. Williams*.
No. 15. Benjamin Weld.
No. 16. Aaron Kingsbury.
No. 17. Stedman Williams.
No. 18. Thomas Brewer.
No. 19. John Champney.
No. 20. Aaron D. Willams*.

The following were afterwards transferred.

No. 4 to Warren Fisher.
No. 10 to Jonathan Chapman of Boston and later to Jas. D. Gould.
No. 11 to David A. Simmons.
No. 12 to William I. Loring.
No. 14 to Holman Page.
No. 16 to William B. Kingsbury.
No. 18 to Gardner Brewer.
No. 19 to Benjamin Bangs.

In 1850 the leases were renewed until 1859 when the sheds were entirely removed.

CHARITABLE SOCIETIES

Our church has always been foremost in good works, and has helped many good causes. The following Societies have been founded by members of the church. Some of them have ceased to exist, and others, enlisting the sympathy of those outside of our Society, have ceased to be strictly church organizations.

Roxbury Charitable Society, 1794.

The Roxbury Female Benevolent Society, 1827.

Ladies' Religious Charitable Society, 1832–1835.

The May Fair, 1842.

Roxbury Branch of the United States Sanitary Commission, 1861.

Lincoln Freedman's Aid Society, 1863–1873.

The Roxbury Young Men's Union, 1875.

The Woman's Alliance, 1887.

Chapel Club, 1896–1906.

Not only in organizing these Societies, but in carrying on the work, have the ladies of our church been the leaders. They have generously contributed both time and money, and have been active and indefatigable in making them a success. During the century, one or more members of almost every family connected with the church, has devoted herself to some one of these good works, and as it is impossible to name them all, I am sure that no one will take it amiss if I omit all personal mention. Where all have been faithful and done much, it is impossible to specialize.

Besides the regular organizations, the ladies have been ever ready to answer special appeals, and to take their share in emergencies. In April, 1845, after a great fire at the Ropewalks, the ladies met and devised help for the sufferers, and many other instances of a like nature could be named.

From time to time Sewing Circles have been organized and carried on for a few years, and then they seem to have died a natural death, until a new generation thought the time again auspicious for these social functions.

The John Eliot Club, a purely social club for the men of the Society, was organized in 1890.

THE ROXBURY CHARITABLE SOCIETY

The meeting to organize this society was held in January, 1794, probably the third Monday, the 20th day, at the residence of Mr. William Lambert, the house still standing at the corner of Bartlett and Blanchard Streets. The first officers of the Society were chosen at this meeting to hold office until the annual meeting. The Society was incorporated Feb. 26, 1799. The first annual meeting was held at the old Parish Meeting House on Monday, Sept. 15th, 1794, when a discourse was delivered by the Rev. Eliphalet Porter, our Pastor.

Discourses or addresses were delivered at subsequent annual meetings by the following: —

1795. Hon. John Lowell of Roxbury.
1796. John Bartlett, M.D., of Roxbury.
1797. Mr. Nathaniel Ruggles of Roxbury.
1798. Rev. Thaddeus Mason Harris of the First Church, Dorchester.
1799. Rev. John Foster of the First Church, Brighton.
1800. Rev. William Emerson of the First Church, Boston.
1801. Rev. John Eliot, D.D., of the New North Church, Boston.
1802. Rev. Henry Cummings, D.D., of the First Church, Billerica.
1803. Nathaniel S. Prentiss, M.D., of Roxbury.

1804. Luther Richardson, Esq., of Roxbury.
1805. Rev. Joshua Bates of the First Church, Dedham.
1806. Rev. Charles Lowell of the West Boston Society, Boston.
1807. Joseph Harrington, Esq., of Roxbury.
1808. Henry Maurice Lisle, Esq., of Milton.
1809. Rev. Samuel Gile of the First Congregational Parish, Milton.
1810. Rev. Horace Holley of Hollis Street Church, Boston.
1811. Rev. Edward Dorr Griffin, D.D., of Park Street Church, Boston.
1812. Rev. Ezra Ripley of the First Church, Concord, Mass.
1813. Samuel J. Gardner, Esq., of Roxbury.
1814. Mr. Joseph Field of Boston.
1815. Rev. Nathaniel L. Frothingham of the First Church, Boston.
1816. Rev. Francis Parkman of the New North Church, Boston.
1817. Rev. John Codman of the Second Church, Dorchester.
1818. Rev. Prof. Henry Ware, D.D., of Harvard College, Cambridge.
1819. Rev. John Pierpont of Hollis Street Church, Boston.
1820. Rev. Prof. Edward Everett of Harvard College, Cambridge.

In 1821 the custom of the annual address was discontinued. There was much ceremony attached to these annual meetings. A procession was formed in the afternoon at the Town House and proceeded under the escort of the local military company to the Meeting House, where the address was

given and where music was a prominent feature. A collection was always taken up. Thanks were always tendered to those who delivered the address for their "handsome address" or "ingenious discourse," or in some other quaint phrase. Hon. John Lowell was the first president of this Society, Hon. Increase Sumner and Hon. John Read the first vice-presidents, Nathaniel Ruggles the first secretary, Joseph Ruggles the first treasurer.

The successors of these gentlemen have been many of the leading citizens of Roxbury, who have administered the affairs of the Society in a highly creditable manner.

By the failure of the Norfolk Bank the accumulated funds of the Society were almost entirely lost, and its work of charity almost ceased, until by the exertions of Rev. Dr. Putnam and Deacon William Davis it was reorganized in 1850, and a few years later it received the munificent legacy of Horatio Davis, which now amounts to about one hundred thousand dollars. The aim of the Society was to help the unfortunate. It is no longer a church institution, but continues its usefulness in giving aid to those of good character living in Roxbury, whose misfortunes compel them to ask assistance.

THE ROXBURY FEMALE BENEVOLENT SOCIETY

Was organized in 1827, and since that time has been a very efficient aid in the charities in Roxbury. It gives employment in sewing to a large number of women, and distributes many garments to the needy. It meets for its work, the cutting out of the garments, at Putnam Chapel every Monday morning at ten o'clock, from December to May. It has an employment committee and a loan and gift committee.

LADIES RELIGIOUS CHARITABLE SOCIETY

A few ladies having met at Mr. Putnam's on the evening of the 18th of October, 1832, after making arrangements for the formation of the society, adopted the following constitution.

1st. That the association shall be called The Ladies' Religious Charitable Association of Roxbury.

2nd. The officers shall be a President, Vice-President, Treasurer and Secretary to perform the customary duties of these officers.

3rd. Meetings shall be held once a month, or more frequently, if deemed expedient, at the house of those members for whom it may be convenient.

4th. The members shall employ themselves at the meetings about such kinds of work as they can make most available, and each member shall be responsible for two dollars a year from the proceeds of her industry, or from some other source, to be paid into the treasury at, or before the last meeting in July, which shall be the annual meeting for the choice of officers, provided, however, that any two young misses, who feel unable to be responsible for so large a sum, may associate together to raise it.

5th. Until otherwise determined, the funds of this association shall be annually appropriated for the support of some pious and promising young man, while preparing for the ministry, at the Theological school at Cambridge.

6th. The association shall appoint a committee of three gentlemen annually to select some suitable young man to receive the aid of the association.

7th. It shall be a leading object of the association, by reading or conversation, to conduce to the religious knowledge and improvement of its members.

8th. Any lady may become a member of this association by signing this constitution, and may withdraw at any annual meeting.

* Denotes members withdrawn. † Members deceased.

Mrs. Lemist.
Mrs. C. L. Eustis.
Mrs. E. A. Putnam.
Mrs. Susan Dow.
Mrs. Persis R. Whiting.
Mrs. Catherine G. Gore.
* Mrs. Frances Glover.
Mrs. Rebecca C. Clark.
Mrs. Rebecca Harrington.
Mrs. Nancy Weld.
Mrs. Sarah H. Crafts.
Mrs. H. E. Bartlett.
Mrs. Harriet Sigourney.
Mrs. Sally Ruggles.
Mrs. Elizabeth Phipps.
Mrs. Sarah Bradley.
Mrs. E. Francis.
* Mrs. Eliza B. Hickling.
Mrs. Charlotte Reynolds.
Mrs. M. F. Simmons.
† Mrs. Sally Thwing.
Mrs. Lucy Ward.
Mrs. Julia F. Copeland.
* Mrs. Eliza Davis.
* Mrs. Rebecca Dyer.
Mrs. Lydia Faxon.
* Mrs. H. A. S. Dearborn.
Mrs. Sarah Guild.
Mrs. D. Dudley.
Mrs. Salome Davis.
Mrs. M. Gardner.
Mrs. C. Windship.
Miss Caroline Porter.
Miss Martha R. Porter.
Miss Mary Faxon.
Miss Harriet Bicknal.
* Miss E. Brigham.
Miss Jane Willard.
Miss Caroline Maybin.
Miss Rebecca R. Lowell.
Miss Anna C. Lowell.
Miss Susan G. Rogers.
Miss Sophia Snow.
Miss Lucy Staniford.
Miss Ann P. Lewis.
* Miss Cordelia Richards.
* Miss Helen Tuttle.
* Miss Sarah Cummens.
* Miss Mary Cummens.
Miss Mary Baker.
Miss Matilda Bartlett.
* Miss Susan Dow.
* Miss Harriet F. Edes.
Miss Abby M. Sumner.
* Miss Townsend.
Mrs. Sally Eastman.
Miss P. H. Patten.
Miss Mary E. Fairbanks.
Miss Frances Lemist.
Miss Mary D. Guild.
Miss Sarah A. Guild.
Miss Sarah B. Bartlett.
Miss Ann D. Bartlett.
* Miss Caroline Allen.
Miss Hannah Faxon.
* Miss Frances Glover.
Mrs. Abby Sumner.
Miss Babson.
Miss ——— Francis.
Miss ——— Francis.
Miss ——— Francis.
* Misses Harriet & Abby Carlton.
* Misses S. Grant & M. Frothingham*.

* Miss Charlotte Butters.
* Miss Eliza Butters.
* Misses N. W. &. A. Davis.
* 3 Misses Champney.
2 Misses Whiting.
* Misses Elizabeth & Julia Leland*.
Misses Harriet & Sarah Ward.
Misses Harriet and Susan Blanchard.
* Misses Sophia & Eliza Harrington.
Misses Salome H. Snow & E. Weld.
Misses Caroline & Jane Bartlett.
* Misses Salome & Marc White.
Misses A. W. &. N. E. Baker.
* Misses Mary W. Davis & S. H. Crafts.
3 Misses Weld.
Miss C. Brewer.
* Miss C. Leland.
Miss Mary P. Adams.
Miss Eliza Bacon.
Miss Mary Richards.
* Mrs. Peter Sears.
Miss Eliza Baldwin.
Miss Ellen White.

Journal of the Proceedings of the L. R. C. Association.

October 23rd, 1832. A meeting was held at Dr. Porter's when a committee was chosen to solicit subscriptions.

October 31st. Met at Mrs. Putnam's. Mr. Putnam was appointed moderator and the following officers were elected for the ensuing year.

Mrs. E. A. Putnam, President.

Miss Caroline Porter, Vice President.

Mrs. Rebecca C. Clark, Treasurer.

Miss Sarah B. Bartlett, Secretary.

It was voted that the meetings should be held on the third Tuesday of each month, in the evenings of winter, and the afternoons of summer. Also that two or more young ladies may associate together to produce the sum of two dollars.

November 29th. First sewing meeting was held at Mrs. Putnam's. Commenced reading the life of Obelin. A donation was received from Miss Rebecca R. Lowell of one dollar, in addition to her subscription. Three new members were admitted.

December 18th. Met at Mrs. Lemist's. Two new members.

January 15th, 1833. A very full meeting at Mrs. Ward's.

February 19*th*. Met at Mrs. Robbin's. Two new members were added.

March 26*th*. A meeting at Mrs. David Simmons'. Life of Obelin was finished. Three new members were added.

April 24*th*. Met at Mrs. Craft's. A letter was read from Professor Palfrey, recommending Mr. Briggs as a suitable person to receive the aid of the association, he was accordingly chosen. The meetings were changed to the afternoon of the third Wednesday in each month. Began to read the Listener.

May 15*th*. First afternoon meeting at Mrs. Fairbank's.

June 19*th*. At Dr. Porter's. A donation of three dollars was received from Mrs. Eustis.

July 17*th*. Annual meeting at Mrs. E. Bartlett's. Very few members present.

September 18*th*. At Mrs. Eastman's. No meeting in August.

October 15*th*. First evening meeting at Mrs. Nancy Weld's.

November 19*th*. Full meeting at Mrs. Putnam's. A letter was read from Mrs. Willard with proposals for publishing her Travels in Europe. Voted to subscribe for one copy. The balance of the receipts for the past year $29 were deposited in the Roxbury Savings Bank. The meetings were changed to Thursday.

December 17*th*. No meeting.

January 16*th*, 1834. At Mrs. Patten's. A donation of $10 was received from the Misses Lowell.

February 20*th*. Met at Mrs. Gardner's. Commenced reading Mrs. Willard's Travels.

March 20*th*. At Mrs. Ward's.

April 17*th*. Meeting at Mrs. Gore's which was well attended. Two new members.

May 15*th*. Met at Mrs. Lemist's. It was voted to con-

tinue the meetings in the evenings, and to give up reading for the present.

June 19*th.* No meeting.

July 17*th.* Annual meeting at Mrs. Eastman's. The same officers were elected, with the exception of Mrs. Clark, who declined. Miss Matilda Bartlett was chosen Treasurer. It was voted that a note of thanks should be addressed to Mrs. Clark for her services for the two preceding years. The balance of the receipts for the past year 6 dollars were deposited in the Savings Bank.

August 21*st.* At Mrs. William Phipps'.

September 18*th.* Very full meeting at Mrs. Snow's.

October 16*th.* At Miss Porter's. Three new members were added.

November 20*th.* At Mrs. Benjamin Weld's, but four members present.

December 18*th.* A meeting at Mrs. Putnam's. Mr. Parker of Lexington was proposed as a suitable person to receive the aid of the society. Reading was again adopted.

January 22*nd,* 1835. Met at Mrs. Windship's.

February 19*th.* At Mrs. J. Bartlett's.

March 19*th.* Very pleasant meeting at Mrs. Ward's.

April 23*rd.* Full meeting at Mrs. Harrinton's.

Here the Journal ends. Copied through the kindness of Miss Anna S. Everett in whose possession is the original.

THE MAY FAIR

The first May Fair was held May 1, 1842, in the hall of the old Norfolk House. It was started by Miss Polly Patten, who returned from the west filled with the desire to help the struggling Unitarian church in the town of Geneva, Illinois. It was the third Unitarian church in the west. The matter was discussed at the Sewing Circle, and the outcome was the first of the annual May Breakfasts and Fairs, which for many years were notable events in the town and church life. $800 was contributed by our church as the net result of this first Fair. We insert the following poem, not so much perhaps for its artistic merit as to preserve a quaint relic of the past.

INVITATION OF THE LADIES

TO THE

MAY MORNING FAIR.

Oh come, friends, all come, 'tis our urgent request,
And aid us to build up the *Church in the West.*
The ladies unite their best efforts together. —
Their smiles shall insure you the *fairest of weather.*

Should Eurus salute you on May's early morn,
And Chill'd by his blast you feel cold and forlorn,
The rich smoking coffee awaits your behest;
Come and help us to build up the *Church in the West.*

If to her you love best a fit offering you'd bring,
Here are flowers all bright with the freshness of spring;
Choose roses or lilies, or what you like best;
And help us to build up the *Church in the West.*

Would you please your young friends, here are gifts rich and rare,
Here are dolls, who wear bonnets and dolls who have hair;
The useful and pleasing your sight shall arrest;
Then help us to build up the *Church in the West.*

But we urge not such notions to patrons like ours,
Though ingenious the works, and attractive the flowers,
We appeal to your hearts; let your actions attest
Your zeal to erect the new *Church in the West.*

So in ages to come, when the pure light of truth
Shall comfort the old, and in peace guide the youth,
On the old town of Roxbury their blessing shall rest;
For she help'd to build up their *Church in the West.*

The Fairs became highly popular not only in Roxbury, but many came from the neighboring towns. Young men walked or rode out from Boston to the Breakfasts. There was always a May Pole around which both young and old gathered, and tables of fancy articles, besides the ice cream and more substantial fare. After a time other churches joined in the preparations and it ceased to be a church institution. The money collected annually was devoted to various popular uses, and during the Civil War, especially, these Fairs were a great attraction, the proceeds going to the soldiers.

The Roxbury Branch of the Sanitary Commission, and the Lincoln Freedman's Aid Society, though started by the ladies in our church, soon embraced workers from all denominations and the details of their work will be found elsewhere.

THE ROXBURY YOUNG MEN'S UNION

The Roxbury Young Men's Union was formed by the Rev. John Graham Brooks, during the year 1876. It was non-sectarian, and its object to improve the condition of the young men of Roxbury. They had rooms in a building at No. 4 Pynchon Street, near the Police Station at Roxbury Crossing. Four years after it had been in existence, it had a membership of about two hundred, made up of working young men whose homes were not easily accessible to any such institution.

Its success was in no small degree attributable to its position so near to tired men. It began with boys averaging hardly more than sixteen years of age.

There were classes each evening in United States History, Political Economy, Bookkeeping, English, German, Music and Arithmetic. These were carried on by the generous help of the ladies and gentleman of the Parish. The most important was that of Citizenship under the personal supervision of Mr. Brooks. Also weekly talks on practical subjects. The Library contained about twelve hundred volumes. Through the influence of regular class work the members became possessed of a new feeling toward the Union, and were far more willing to sacrifice for it, and proposed a monthly payment that went towards its support. In 1880 it had passed out of its dependant stage, and was almost self supporting. Nearly fifty members were influenced to deposit money in the Savings Bank connected with the Union, many of them making quite regular deposits. The members gave occasional entertainments at the Union and an exhibition in the church chapel each year to help meet the necessary expenses. It consisted of essays and discussions from the different classes.

After the resignation of Mr. Brooks, the Union ceased to be a church institution.

THE WOMAN'S ALLIANCE

This is a branch of the "National Alliance," connected with our Church, and its aim is to enlist the interest of every woman in the Church in denominational and missionary work. Its meetings are held on the first Tuesday in every month from October to May, in Putnam Chapel, at 3 o'clock. The first half hour is devoted to business; then follows a talk or lecture; afterwards tea is served, and a half

hour is given to conversation. The annual membership fee is one dollar. Connected with it are the Post Office Mission and the Cheerful Letter Exchange.

THE CHAPEL CLUB

was organized in the fall of 1896 in order to bring the young ladies of the parish in closer relations to each other and the church, and to give them a more vital interest in the work of the denomination. Many of the ladies of the church having felt the need of such a club, Mrs. DeNormandie in the spring of that year called a meeting at her house, where such a club was discussed and officers and directors elected to plan the work. At their first meeting, it was voted that the club should be called the "Chapel Club," and should hold its meetings on the last Tuesday of each month from October to May. These meetings have been made of particular interest and value by addresses given from time to time by Dr. DeNormandie and others. The constitution states that the object of the club is charity; therefore much of its work has been in raising money by fairs and entertainments of various kinds, and in distributing this, as well as clothing made by the club, to different charitable institutions of Roxbury and Boston, besides helping individual cases. In February, 1900, it joined the Young People's Religious Union, which brought it more in touch with denominational work. The club was never numerically large but it filled an important place in the church life until 1906, when it ceased to exist.

THE JOHN ELIOT CLUB OF ROXBURY

was organized January 9th, 1890. It is composed of gentlemen of the Parish of the First Religious Society over 18 years of age, who meet three times a year for the purpose of personally meeting Dr. DeNormandie and to listen to papers

or addresses upon works or questions connected with the Parish or denominational or social interests.

Meetings of the Club are customarily held on the first Thursday of December and February and the second Thursday of April. They generally consist of a dinner at some quiet Boston hotel, after which the assembled members and their guests are addressed by such speakers as have been arranged for the meeting by the Council, which is the governing committee of the club.

It is the custom of the club to hold at least one ladies' night during the year, and precedent has made this the annual meeting, which comes on the first Thursday of February.

The first President of the club was Samuel Little. He was succeeded by John Tetlow. Since Mr. Tetlow's term of office, the Presidents have been Azariah Smith, James C. Davis, Robert C. Metcalf, W. Prentiss Parker, and Alfred Bunker.

There are two Vice Presidents, a Secretary, a Treasurer, and an Executive Committee of six members who held office for three years, two being elected each year. The Officers and Executive Committee, a body of eleven, constitute the Council.

The records of the meetings of the club are full of interest. Prominent men religiously, educationally, and politically have been guests of the Club, and their addresses have been a source of great benefit to the members attending.

Although a variety of subjects have been discussed before the meetings of the Club, yet the predominant idea has been to keep the Club as distinctly a religious club as possible.



JOHN ELIOT'S CHAIR.

APPENDIX

On Sunday evening, March 17, 1907, the First Parish in Dorchester graciously presented to the First Church in Roxbury a chair once belonging to the Apostle Eliot, accompanied by a most interesting service.

The presentation was made by Rev. Eugene R. Shippen, Pastor of the First Parish Church in Dorchester, and accepted by Rev. James De Normandie, D.D., our pastor. The chair had been placed by the Rev. Thaddeus Mason Harris, D.D., in the Dorchester meeting house. After the services, the chair, a copy of Eliot's Indian Bible and the Church records, written by him, were placed on exhibition. On the pulpit rail were placed slips of ivy taken from the church in England in which John Eliot was christened.

LINES WRITTEN BY A MEMBER OF THE DORCHESTER CHURCH

It came to us from early days,
Perchance from English carver's hands;
In rude and simple fashion made,
A relic of our past it stands.

Severe its outline, speaking plain
Of work and hard New England fare.
No welcome here for idleness,
No frame for ease this ancient chair.

Dim through the mists of vanished years.
A rugged face we seem to see,
A shad'wy figure sitting there,
The red man's gospel on his knee.

Content the gentle preacher's smile,
Deep in his eyes a happy light, —
This man of God, whose record runs,
"High piety and learning bright."

Well pleased he looks to find his name
And memory still burning clear,
Glad that through him another bond
Should knit the two old churches dear.

Take then our treasure, place it here,
Its rightful home, and may we see
Old Dorchester and Roxbury live
In constant love and unity.

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